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Report No. 370

7th January, 1960.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on the 7th day of January, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Aldermen Thomas Byrne, T.D., and Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors R. Burgess, P.C., Mrs. C. Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., B. Conway, R. Ellis, G. Hughes, Mrs. C. Keeble, Mrs. K. Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Thomas Stafford, P.C., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors William Lawless, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

The meeting was summoned to consider the effect of the provisions of the Health Authorities Bill, 1959. After a full discussion of the effect which the provisions of the Bill would have on the mental health services, Councillor Gilbert Hughes proposed and Councillor Mrs. Cecelia Keeble seconded:

"That we request the Minister for Health to introduce an amendment to the Health Authorities Bill, 1959, providing for the establishment of a statutory committee, in addition to the statutory Visiting Committee, to deal with functions relating to the mental health services under the proposed Dublin Health Authority and that the appointment of the Visiting Committee be vested in the said statutory committee, and that the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent shall advise the Health Authority in relation to Mental Health Services." *Passed unanimously.*

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 371**14th January, 1960*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE BOARD

A Special Meeting of the Board, sitting as a Committee of the Whole Board, was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, the 14th day of January, 1960. Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors Roland Burgess, P.C., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, James Carroll, T.D., William J. Colman, P.C., Bernard Conway, Denis Delaney, Robert Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, Daniel J. Morris, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, Frank Sherwin, T.D., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

Dublin County Council Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

Wicklow County Council Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors T. Stafford, D. Larkin and Mr. R. Roulston.

MANAGER'S REPORT

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND FOR 1960/61

1. In pursuance of Section 9 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, I have prepared an estimate in the prescribed form showing the amount which in my opinion, will be necessary to meet the expenses and provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Board during the financial year ending on the 31st March, 1961. A copy of the Estimate was sent to each member of the Board on 8th January, 1960, together with copy of Report No. 368 which gives details of the several items which go into the calculation of the estimate and proposed net demands.

From the Estimate submitted it will be seen that the Demand on the Contributing Bodies will be £904,855, which is an increase of £23,542 on the Demand of £881,313 for the current year.

The main reasons for increased expenditure are:—

(a) Provision has been made for the full occupation of St. Loman's (Ballyowen) during 1960/61, and the following amounts have been included under their respective heads of expenditure in Table 3, page 4 of Report No. 368:—

	£
Materials for washing and cleansing	550
Furniture and hardware	220
Heating, Lighting and Water Supply	13,500
Salaries and Wages	47,800
Repairs and Maintenance	5,000
Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,000
Stationery, Printing and Advertising	500
Miscellaneous Expenses	3,130
	£71,700

A sum of £10,000 only was provided for St. Loman's in the current year.

(b) Expenditure on Superannuations, Lump sums and Marriage Gratuities is expected to be £9,000 more than the amount provided in the current year.

(c) The amount provided under Structural Alterations, Repairs and Maintenance, has been increased by £9,370 which includes the recent increase granted to the Trades Staff, increased provision for painting and decoration in St. Brendan's and St. Ita's and a sum of £5,000 for St. Loman's.

(d) Provision has been made under the heading of Salaries and Wages for additional staff already approved by the Board, as follows:

One Senior and four Assistant Medical Officers, an extra House Physician, a Psychiatric Social Worker, a Trained Occupational Therapist, two

clerk-typists, a Radiographer, and for St. Ita's, a second Deputy Matron and a second Deputy Head Nurse (Male), also nine additional nurses required to permit the annual leave of the members of the nursing staff to be increased to 28 days a year.

2. FINAL FIGURES FOR 1958/59. When the estimates for the current year were made twelve months ago it was expected that at 31st March, 1959, there would be a debit balance of £56,928. The final figures for 1958/59 showed an actual debit balance of £47,295.

3. ESTIMATED RESULT OF 1959/60 WORKING. On 19th November, 1959, (Report No. 365) I reported on the trend of Expenditure during the current financial year 1959/60 and gave particulars of the probable over expenditure and under expenditure under the various heads of expenditure.

During the current financial year to date, expenditure in excess of the amount provided in the official estimate and demand, amounting to £18,235, has been authorised specially by the Board for the following purposes:

Additional Staff for Dining Hall	—	£ 1,740
Building Trade Workers—increased temporary bonus	—	1,100
Extra expenditure under all sub-heads as set out in Report No. 365	—	15,395
		£18,235

From the figures available of expenditure and receipts to date, it is estimated that the year will work out with a credit balance of £4,275. Total expenditure is expected to exceed the estimate by £15,095, and receipts are expected to be up by £9,737. The following table shows how the anticipated credit balance at 31st March, 1960, is arrived at:

	£
Amount by which actual debit balance at 31/3/59 fell short of the estimated debit balance (£56,928 minus £47,295) — —	9,633
Add estimated increased Receipts 1959/60 — —	9,737
	19,370
Less estimated increased Expenditure 1959/60	15,095
Anticipated Credit Balance at 31/3/60 — —	4,275

4. ESTIMATE FOR COMING FINANCIAL YEAR 1960/61. Table 3 of Report No. 368 shows a total increase of £88,945 on the estimated expenditure for 1959/60. The three items referred to in Paragraph 1 above account for £80,070.

Food, Drink and Tobacco. The increase under this head is due mainly to the purchase of mutton by contract for St. Ita's Hospital and is partly offset by a reduction under Farm Expenses.

Medicines. Additional expenditure is anticipated under this head in view of the continued upward trend in the use of drugs and medicines in the treatment of patients.

Heating, Lighting and Water. £13,500 of the increase is the provision for St. Loman's. The balance is for probable increases in cost of fuel and for Water Supply.

Furniture, Crockery and Hardware. Experience has shown that the amount provided in recent years has been insufficient to meet requirements and to improve the general standard of furnishing of the wards.

Salaries and Wages. £47,800 of the increase of £53,010 is to provide for staffing of St. Loman's. The remainder is provision for additional staff referred to in paragraph 1 (d) above. No provision has been made for any general increase which may be negotiated in the remuneration of the nursing and other staffs.

Superannuations. Expenditure under this head continues to increase. The effect of each round of increases in Salaries and Wages is not apparent for some years as pensions, lump sums and marriage gratuities are based on a three year average. The amount is subject to variations depending on the number of officers who retire during the year. The number of pensioners on 31st December, 1959, was 172 and the annual amount of their pensions was £39,500. Lump sums, marriage gratuities and refunds of contributions during nine months ended 31st December, 1959, amounted to £8,210, £6,642 and £1,346, respectively.

Repairs and Maintenance. Table 7 gives details of expenditure under this heading. The lists of special works at St. Brendan's and St. Ita's have been examined and approved by the Visiting Members. Provision for maintenance at St. Loman's accounts for £5,000 of the increase of £9,370. Provision for painting and decorating has been

increased from £9,875 to £11,670, an increase of £1,775, in order to permit the continuation of the policy of brightening up the hospitals which has been pursued over the last few years.

Rent, Rates, Taxes and Insurance. The amount in the current year's estimate was calculated in anticipation of the Nurses' Home at St. Brendan's being exempted from rates. In fact the Home has not been exempted yet and the estimate accordingly includes provision for rates for the coming year. Provision has also been made for the insurance of St. Loman's Hospital.

Miscellaneous Expenses. Details of these expenses under twenty-three heads are set out in Table 8. The total of £15,870 is £2,000 more than that for the current year. Travelling expenses have been increased by £1,300 to cover transfers to and from St. Loman's and charges arising from the increased use which is being made of the ambulance services. The sum provided for hospital and specialist services has been increased by £700 to cover charges arising from the more extensive use which is being made of the services provided under the Health Acts.

Loan Charges. The amount provided is £45,000 and is the same as that for the current year. The following works which are of a capital nature will require to be financed by way of loans:

Approximate

Cost

Treatment of roof timbers, St. Ita's, for woodworm and dry rot — — — — —	£ 8,900
Diversion Drains at Tonlegee Reservoir — — — — —	3,000
Disposal of sewage from Staff Houses, St. Ita's — — — — —	3,500

	£
Boiler replacements and ancillary equipment, St. Ita's	35,000
Boiler replacements and ancillary equipment, Male Side, St. Brendan's — — — — —	20,000
Electrical re-wiring, St. Brendan's — — — — —	40,000
Boiler replacements and ancillary equipment, Female Side, St. Brendan's — — — — —	20,000
Replacement of No. 2 Division, St. Brendan's — — — — —	75,000

The full impact of the cost of these schemes will not be felt in the coming year.

Receipts. Table 4 of Report No. 368 shows that Receipts at £117,800 are estimated to be £4,200 more than that for the current year.

5. APPORTIONMENT OF DEMAND. The method of apportioning the expenses between the contributing authorities is explained in Table 6 of Report No. 368 and the actual apportionment in Table 5. On the basis of the estimated number of chargeable patients from each area, the total net requirement has been apportioned as set out in Column 4 of Table B of the proposed Estimate and Demand. After allowing for the estimated debit or credit balances at 31st March, 1960, and deducting estimated receipts in respect of paying patients from each area, the net sum to be demanded, if the estimates as submitted are approved, will be as follows:

	1960-61 £	Last Year £
Corporation of Dublin (an increase of £25,358) —	705,972	680,614
County of Dublin (a decrease of £5,273) —	112,727	118,000
County of Wicklow (an increase of £3,457) —	86,156	82,699

The daily average number of patients from the City of Dublin has increased by 50. The number from County Dublin has decreased by 2 and the number from County Wicklow has increased by 7, with the result that City of Dublin and County Wicklow's proportions have increased by .214% and .050% respectively, while County Dublin's proportion has decreased by .264%.

All the figures in this report have been certified to me by the Chief Clerk and Accountant. The Estimate has been approved by the City and County Manager and I recommend it for adoption by the Board.

E. O'CAOIMH,
Assistant City Manager.

The draft Estimate and Manager's Report were read and discussed in detail.

The following resolution, proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., was adopted unanimously:

"That, having carefully examined the estimates of probable balances at 31st March, 1960, and the various estimates of Receipts and Expenditures as set out in detail in Report No. 368 and having considered the Manager's Report thereon, we recommend to the Board that the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the ensuing financial year 1960/61 be approved and adopted

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and that the Chairman and the Chief Clerk be authorised to sign the formal demands on the contributing Councils for the following amounts:

	£
Corporation of Dublin —	705,972
County Council of Dublin —	112,727
County Council of Wicklow —	86,156
Total —	£904,855

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 372**21st January, 1960.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

ESTIMATES MEETING

The Statutory Estimates Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board and the ordinary Monthly Meeting was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on the 21st day of January, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Aldermen Thomas Byrne, T.D., and Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors R. Burgess, P.C., James Carroll, T.D., William J. Colman, P.C., B. Conway, D. Delaney, R. Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, D. Larkin, T.D., Daniel J. Morris, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, P.C., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 367, dated 17th December, 1959), and the Special Meeting held on 7th January, 1960 (Report No. 370) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st December, 1959, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 30/11/59	1,860	1,889	3,749
Admitted during month	61	77	138
	1,921	1,966	3,887
Males Females Total			
Discharged during month	72	77	149
Died during month	11	15	26
Escaped during month	3	—	3
	86	92	178
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,835	1,874	3,709
Absent on trial and escape	53	52	105
	1,782	1,822	3,604
Remaining in residence	—	—	—

DISTRIBUTION

	Males	Females	Total
In St. Brendan's Hospital	814	953	1,767
In St. Ita's Hospital	968	869	1,837
Total number resident as above	1,782	1,822	3,604

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	—	—	2,730	75.7%
County Dublin	—	—	480	13.3%
County Wicklow	—	—	336	9.3%
Criminal Lunatic	—	—	45	1.3%
Non-district patients	—	—	13	.4%
			—	—
Total	—	—	3,604	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 369 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 31st December, 1959. *Passed unanimously.*

ESTIMATE AND DEMAND

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
TO BOARD

21st January, 1960.

In my report on the Estimates (Report No. 371) it was pointed out that financial provision had not been made in respect of claims for salary and wage increases, and I informed the Estimates Committee at its meeting on the 14th instant that I would report further on the matter at the Statutory Estimates Meeting.

As the Board is aware, it has been the policy of Local Authorities for several years to relate the remuneration of local officials to the remuneration of what are deemed to be appropriate grades in the Civil Service. In regard to

the applications submitted on behalf of the Board's staffs. I have accepted in principle, subject to the necessary authority of the Board and the sanction of the Minister, to make adjustments in remuneration in line with the appropriate adjustments in the Civil Service which are to operate from December 15th, 1959. It is estimated that the cost of such adjustments would amount to £37,500 in a full year and to £10,000 for the period 15th December, 1959, to the 31st March, 1960. Thus the total amount required to meet the proposed increases, should the Board decide to provide for them in the Estimates for the forthcoming financial year, would be £47,500. The effect of such a decision by the Board is shown in the tables hereunder in substitution for Tables 2 and 5 of Report No. 368.

TABLE 2—SUMMARY OF ESTIMATE (Revised)

	Present Estimate 1960/61 £	Last Estimate 1959/60 £
Estimated Expenditure as per Table 3	1,064,430	£937,985
Less Estimated Receipts (other than receipts in respect of Paying Patients from any of the contributing counties or county boroughs)	69,800	67,200
NET REQUIREMENTS	994,630	870,785
Estimated Debit Balance at commence- ment of year	5,725	56,928
TOTAL DEBITS	1,000,355	927,713

	Present Estimate 1960/61 £	Last Estimate 1959/60 £
Estimated Receipts in respect of Paying Patients from counties and county borough — — —	48,000	46,400
Estimated Credit Balance at commencement of year — — —	—	—
TOTAL CREDITS —	48,000	46,400
Difference being amount of Proposed Demand — — —	952,355	881,313
Net Increase — — — £71,042		

TABLE 5—APPORTIONMENT OF ESTIMATE AND PROPOSED DEMAND FOR 1960/61 AND COMPARISON WITH LAST DEMAND (Revised)

	City of Dublin £	County Dublin £	County Wicklow £	Total £
Estimated Balance against at close of current year —	10,893	—	—	10,893
Apportioned share of Net Requirement for year 1960/61 —	766,694	133,170	94,766	994,630
NET DEBITS	777,587	133,170	94,766	1,005,523

Receipts in respect of Paying Patients from Counties or County Borough for 1960/61 — —	City of Dublin £	County Dublin £	County Wicklow £	Total £
Estimated Balance in favour at close of current year —	35,000	9,000	4,000	48,000
	—	5,083	85	5,168
	35,000	14,083	4,085	53,168
Difference being Proposed Demand for 1960/61 — —	742,587	119,087	90,681	952,355
Corresponding Demand 1959/60 —	680,614	118,000	82,699	881,313
	Increase	Increase	Increase	Increase
Comparison —	61,973	1,087	7,982	71,042

E. O'CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Arising out of the Manager's Supplemental Report, it was proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Alderman Mrs. C. Lynch, T.D.:—

"That an additional sum of £47,500 be provided for in the Estimate and Demand for 1960-61 to meet the approximate cost of anticipated salary and wage increases." *Passed unanimously.*

Councillor D. Larkin, T.D., proposed and Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey seconded: "That the Manager's Estimate of Expenses for the year ending 31st March, 1961, showing a net requirement of £957,130 as set out in Table A of the Official Estimate and Demand now submitted be amended by increasing the net requirement by £37,500 and that the Estimate as so amended showing a net requirement of £994,630 be approved and adopted; and that the Board determines the following to be the amounts to be demanded from the contributing authorities, viz.:—

	£
Corporation of the County Borough of Dublin — — —	742,587
Council of the County of Dublin —	119,087
Council of the County of Wicklow	90,681
	£952,355

and authorises the Chairman and the Chief Clerk to sign the formal demands on the contributing authorities for these amounts." *Passed. Councillor D. Delaney dissenting.*

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Mrs. C. Keeble seconded the adoption of the recommendations in Report No. 371 of the committee of the Whole Board on the 14th January, 1960, subject to the amendment, in accordance with the preceding resolutions, of that part which relates to the adoption of the Manager's Estimate of Expenses and the Demand for 1960/61. *Passed. Councillor D. Delaney dissenting.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

21st December, 1959.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Monday, 21st December, 1959. We went to the main kitchen where dinner was being prepared for patients and staff. We learned that since the centralisation of cooking some inconvenience is being caused to members of the staff, who have to prepare special meals for patients, mainly for breakfast, by the lack of facilities, and insufficient space to work in. We recommend that the matter be looked into to ascertain if any improvement can be made.
2. We visited No. 7 male hospital, where many patients, mainly old persons, are cared for. These are all confined to bed with various complaints as well as mental illness. All appeared to be receiving the best of attention and seemed comfortable.
3. As it was approaching Christmas, we were pleased to note how tastefully and seasonably decorated were the wards and other parts of the hospital. Each ward for the first time was provided with a Christmas tree, which helped to create a festive atmosphere.
4. We were also pleased to note that work on the floor of the proposed temporary Canteen was restoring the natural beauty of the wood. When the renovations are completed the facilities it will provide should be of great benefit to patients and their visitors, who have to make the long journey to the hospital.

We wish to thank Dr. Hegarty and Dr. Meenan who were with us in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
MARY ANDREWS.
THOMAS O'REILLY.
JOHN SMITHERS.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the next ensuing period to 18th February, 1960, the date of the next meeting of the Board:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
Councillor Gilbert Hughes.
Councillor Mrs. C. Keeble.
Mr. Anthony Lalor.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
Councillor Roland Burgess.
Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D..
Councillor James Carroll, T.D.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

14th January, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's Hospitals on the 31st ultimo 3,604 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital —	814	953	1,767
St. Ita's Hospital —	968	869	1,837
as compared with:—			
	1,782	1,822	3,604
31st December, 1958 —	1,771	2,024	3,795
31st December, 1957 —	1,727	2,003	3,730
31st December, 1956 —	1,706	2,069	3,775
31st December, 1955 —	1,740	2,014	3,754

this year's number being 242 less than on the corresponding date last year and 177 less than on the corresponding date in 1955.

2. During the month of December the totals of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows:—

	Admitted	Discharged
Chargeable Patients:		
Voluntary —	53	69
Temporary —	72	84
Persons of unsound mind	11	22
Private Patients:		
Temporary —	1	—
Admitted for Special Treatment:		
Persons of unsound mind	1	1
	138	178

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the Medical Superintendent at St. Ita's to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient J.O.F. (15910), a criminal lunatic, escaped from St. Brendan's Hospital on the 16th ultimo. He has not yet been brought back to the hospital.

Male patient T.S. (16302), a temporary patient, failed to return to St. Brendan's Hospital off accompanied pass on the 26th ultimo. He has not yet returned to the hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. Male patient B.G. (12161), who had parole of the grounds at St. Ita's Hospital, failed to turn into supper in No. 5 ward on the 5th ultimo. The patient was subsequently found at his home and was discharged on the 9th ultimo to the care of his brother.

Male patient J.J.Q. (13095), a parole patient at St. Ita's Hospital, did not come into supper in No. 10 ward on the 5th ultimo. He was returned to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 6th ultimo by an escort of male nurses from a night shelter in Back Lane.

Male patient J. McG. (16253), a parole patient at St. Ita's Hospital, did not turn into supper in No. 10 ward on the 5th ultimo. He was returned to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 6th ultimo from a night shelter in Back Lane by an escort of male nurses.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Female patient A.G. (13002), aged 75 years, fell in a dormitory on the 10th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the right hip.

Female patient A.M.A. (11515) accidentally fell in a ward on the 22nd ultimo and sustained a fracture of the left femoral neck.

Female patient M.K. (13029) fell in a ward on the 27th ultimo and sustained an intertrochanteric fracture.

Male patient H.F. (27657) slipped on the floor in No. 5 ward on the 12th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the right femur.

Male patient J.M. (14592) was pushed by another patient in No. 3 dayroom on the 15th ultimo and fell on the floor sustaining a fracture of the right femur.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Male patient J.R. (41010), aged 68 years, slipped and fell in No. 2 ward on the 30th November. He afterwards complained of pain in the left knee and an X-ray revealed

that he had sustained a fracture of the tibia and also a fracture of the neck of the fibula.

Male patient J.C. (12723), accidentally dropped a tray of potatoes on his right foot while working at potato washing on the 24th November. X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the distal phalanx of the big toe.

Male patient W.C., aged 59 years, was noticed by the Deputy Charge Nurse to be limping. On examination his right ankle was found to be swollen and discoloured. The patient stated that he slipped in the toilet of No. 3 ward. There were no witnesses to the accident. X-ray examination revealed an undisplaced crack fracture of the ankle.

Female patient K.S. (41112) was noticed by the Charge Nurse to have a swollen left ankle on the 15th ultimo. No accident had been observed and the patient said that nothing had happened to her. An X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the ankle.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Temporary attendant M.P. has been off duty since the 3rd instant with a fractured toe sustained when on duty in No. 2 division on that date, when a form toppled over and struck his toe.

Baker J.M. has been off duty since the 4th instant suffer-

ing from an injury to his right arm sustained when off duty.

Labourer T.H., while working with a plasterer replacing a ceiling in the male Nurses' Room in No. 10 annexe on the 31st ultimo, stepped on an overhanging plank and fell about 5 feet to the ground. He sustained injuries to his back and was treated in St. Laurence's Hospital where he was not detained. He has been off duty since the date of the accident.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Nurse R.D. has been off duty since the 7th ultimo with lacerations on her forearm and hand. When removing a basket from a lock-up in No. 1 ward she accidentally knocked a ladder against a fanlight, breaking the glass, which fell on her.

Temporary attendant C.W. has been off duty since the 30th ultimo suffering from shock and an injury to her scalp sustained when she was knocked to the ground by a patient.

Fitter M.O.L. has been off duty since the 17th ultimo with a crushed foot sustained when moving a heavy rotorator when on duty.

Temporary attendant B.N. was off duty from the 3rd to the 6th ultimo, inclusive, with a wound in her foot sustained when she trod on a nail while on duty on the 25th November.

Two other accidents which did not cause incapacity to members of the nursing staff were reported.

10. The following are particulars of the results obtained in the Mental Nursing Examinations held by An Bord Altranais in November, 1959:— 41 candidates at St. Brendan's Hospital (2 male and 39 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 21 were successful (1 male and 20 female attendants).

31 candidates (6 male and 20 female attendants and 5 general trained nurses) at St. Brendan's Hospital, sat for the Final Examination, of whom 29 were successful (6 male and 18 female attendants and 5 general trained nurses).

21 candidates at St. Ita's Hospital (3 male and 18 female attendants) sat for the Preliminary Examination, of whom 10 female candidates were successful.

30 candidates at St. Ita's Hospital (11 male and 19 female attendants) sat for the Final Examination, of whom 24 were successful (10 male and 14 female attendants).

11. An application has been received from the National Union of Sheet Metal Workers for an increase of 3½d. an hour in the wages of the tinsmith employed by the Board, with effect from the 24th October, 1959. This represents an increase of 13/10d. for a 44 hour week. The application arises out of a similar adjustment in the rates payable to sheet metal workers employed in the Dublin area, which has been agreed upon between the Unions concerned and the Federated Union of Employers. It has been the practice to pay the agreed local rate and I now request the consent of the Board to the grant of this increase.

The estimated annual cost of the increase is £36 and in the current year £16.

12. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted the tender of Thomas McKenzie & Sons, Ltd., Dublin, for the supply of a Cooch Major Potato Sorter for £167 10s. 0d. Four tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

13. On the recommendation of the Head Gardener I have accepted the tender of M. Rowan & Co., Ltd., for the supply of Garden Seeds and Sundries to St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the sums of £187 0s. 5d. and £242 15s. 11d., respectively.

14. Revised sketch plans for the reconstruction of No. 2 male division on the lines agreed upon at the meeting of the Building Committee on the 8th October last have been received from the Architect and transmitted to the Department of Health for approval. The Chief R.M.S. has approved of the revised sketch plans. While the general character of the original approved designs has been maintained except in so far as re-siting is concerned, the building has been replanned to accommodate 86 male patients as compared with 82 female patients, provided for in the original scheme and the number of consulting and treatment rooms has been increased from two to five. Provision has also been made in the sketch plans for extra dayroom and dining accommodation which are considered desirable in the light of the experience gained in the use of St. Patrick's Division. The Architect's revised approximate estimate of the cost of the scheme is £79,000.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

21st January, 1960.

15. An application has been received from the Irish Union of Distributive Workers and Clerks for an increase of 12s. 10d. a week in the wages of the tailors employed by the Board, in consequence of an Employment Regulation Order which has been made by the Labour Court on the recommendation of the Tailoring Joint Labour Committee. Under the provisions of the Order the statutory minimum rates of pay of adult male workers employed in the tailoring trade have been increased by 3½d. an hour (12s. 10d. per 44-hour week), with effect from the 2nd January, 1960. I request the consent of the Board under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase as from the 2nd instant.

The estimated annual cost of the increase is £133, and in the current year £33.

16. As a result of negotiations which have taken place with the Unions representing the boilermen employed by the Board, it is proposed to increase the rates of pay of these employees by 12s. 10d. a week with effect from the 28th September, 1959. The proposed increase is related to an increase which was granted to corresponding workers employed by the Dublin Corporation, as from the 28th September last. I request the consent of the Board under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase. The

estimated cost of the increase is £400 a year and, in the current year, £206.

17. In May, 1958, the Board consented to a proposal to grant increases in temporary bonus with effect from the 1st April, 1958. In the case of adult female employees the amount of the increase was 7/6d. a week and for female employees under 21 years and domestic workers, 5/- a week. Similar increases were granted to female employees of the Dublin Corporation and the Dublin Board of Assistance. Following negotiation with the Trade Unions representing the staffs concerned, and, in the case of domestic workers employed by the Board of Assistance, a recommendation by the Labour Court, the Corporation and the Board of Assistance agreed to waive the age limitation in the case of Clerk/Typists and to increase from 5/- to 7/6d. a week the bonus awarded to adult domestic workers. It is proposed to make a similar adjustment in the bonus granted to corresponding workers in the employment of the Board and I request the consent of the Board, in accordance with Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase. The estimated cost of the proposed increase is £97 a year and in the current year £185.

I request the consent of the Board in accordance with Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the expenditure of £185 in excess of the Estimate for 1959/60 to meet the cost of the proposed increase.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:

Paragraph 11: Councillor R. Ellis proposed and Councillor R. Burgess seconded: "That the Board consents to an increase of 3½d. an hour in the remuneration of the tinsmith with effect from the 24th October, 1959." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraphs 15 and 16: Councillor D. Larkin, T.D., proposed and Councillor Mrs. K. Nix seconded: "That the Board consents to an increase of 12s. 10d. a week in the remuneration of the tailors and boilermen with effect from the 2nd January, 1960, in the case of tailors and the 28th September, 1959, in the case of boilermen." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 16: Councillor D. Larkin, T.D., proposed and Councillor Mrs. K. Nix seconded: "That the Board consents to the proposed adjustments in the temporary cost of living bonus payable to the grades concerned and authorises the expenditure of £185 in excess of the Estimate for 1959/60 for this purpose." *Passed unanimously.*

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 373**28th January, 1960.*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin, on the 28th day of January, 1960. Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, William J. Colman, Miss M. C. Ennis, R. Ellis, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Gilbert Hughes.

Mr. O'Reilly proposed and Mr. Smithers seconded: "That we learn with regret of the bereavement sustained by Councillor James Carroll, T.D., on the death of his father and we tender to him and his family our deepest sympathy."

The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER

28th January, 1960.

1. MILK PRODUCTION

Since my last report of the 31st ultimo, milk shortages ranging up to 114 gallons per day occurred, the average daily deficiency over the month being 84 gallons as compared with a deficiency of 93 gallons over the previous month. However, within the past week or so production has improved considerably and at present the shortage is only 44 gallons per day. Present indications are that, with a number of cows due to calve soon, full supplies of milk will be available for both hospitals by the end of the current month.

The present daily production from 228 milking cows is 540 gallons, or 2.37 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of December:—

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 8 gallons - -	1	Nil
7 to 8 gallons - -	Nil	Nil
6 to 7 gallons - -	1	1
5 to 6 gallons - -	4	2
4 to 5 gallons - -	30	25
3 to 4 gallons - -	36	40
2 to 3 gallons - -	61	47
1 to 2 gallons - -	68	73
Under 1 gallon - -	27	41
	228	229

2. SALES OF LIVESTOCK DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Fourteen calves were sold at the following prices: 1 for £17 10s., 1 for £16, 3 at £15 10s., 1 for £12, 1 for £11 5s., 1 for £11, 1 for £10 10s., and 5 at £10; total £174 15s. Eight bonhams were sold at the following prices: 2 at £6 10s., and 6 for £39 10s.; total £52 10s. 5 fat sows were sold and realised £181 10s. 9d. nett. 59 store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced as follows: 12 at £9 and 47 at £8 each; total £484.

3. RE INJURED BULL

Further to previous reports regarding the young Friesian bull which was purchased in Belfast in October and was subsequently injured in Portrane farmyard, the latest news concerning the animal is that the fractured leg has knitted but not to the satisfaction of the veterinary authorities, as it is very crooked. They have decided to re-break the bone in the hope that it will mend more satisfactorily the next time. This is a case of much interest to the Veterinary College and consequently there will be no charges for keep or treatment in this case.

4. MASTITIS

The position regarding mastitis in the herd is satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis continue to occur but respond to treatment.

5. GRASS

Owing to the very wet condition of the land it was not found possible to apply the basic dressing of artificials to any of the grasslands, but as soon as conditions improve a start will be made with this work.

Due to the excessive rain before Christmas, the pastures at Turvey cut up badly and the dry stock on that farm had to be transferred to the high grounds at Portrane, where they will be maintained until the lands at Turvey dry again.

6. CROPS

Approximately 8 acres of the potato crop remain to be lifted. This work has again had to be abandoned for the present due to the water-logged condition of the ground. It is hoped to have the final figures for the crop available for the next meeting of the Committee.

Fourteen acres of ley ground have received a dressing of farmyard manure in preparation for the sowing of this year's potato crop. The 12 acres of winter wheat is doing well. It was not possible to plough any further ground for the grain crops.

An area of bushes and scrub at the top end of the Seafield adjacent to the isolation hospital is being reclaimed. When cleared, it will add about 2 acres to the arable acreage of the Seafield.

7. SANTRY COURT

Supplies of hay on this farm are exhausted. During the week two loads of hay, costing up to £11 10s. per ton, were purchased on the Dublin market. It will be necessary to continue purchasing hay until grass again becomes available.

The present stock consists of 1 horse, 42 calves, 84 yearling heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

1. **Vegetable Fields:** The vegetable crops in season at the moment consist of 4 acres savoy cabbage, 2 acres parsnips, 1 acre carrots and 1 acre of leeks, 4 acres of broccoli and 2 acres of swede turnips. There is also a plentiful supply of onions in storage.

2. **Spring Cabbage:** 14 acres. This crop is making good progress: 6 acres of the first plantings have been earthed up and should be fit for cutting in early April.

3. **Autumn Onions:** This young crop appears to be promising and, with favourable weather conditions, I should have scallions by mid-April.

4. **Tillage:** Very little tillage could be done during the past month as the ground was too wet to work.

5. **Gardens and Recreation Grounds:** Pruning, spraying and manuring of fruit trees and bushes have been completed. 2,000 chrysanthemum cuttings have been taken up to date. The work of renovating and making new lawn in front of children's unit is in progress at the moment. All recreation grounds are in good condition.

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6. Since my last report the following work was carried out in this department, viz.: Ploughing vacant ground, earthing cabbage, boxing tulip and daffodil for forcing, planting shrubs and making path from Nurses' Home to Staff Canteen.

SANTRY GARDENS

7. Work carried out in these gardens consists chiefly of pruning and tying wall trees, cleaning walks and flower borders and digging and preparing tomato houses.

ST. LOMAN'S

8. I visit this unit once a week. The grounds here are kept in reasonably good repair and flower beds have been weeded and freshened up.

A. WOLOHAN.

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND
GARDENS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

5th January, 1960.

1. On 5th January, 1960, we visited our farms. We started at Turvey where we met Mr. Hayes, who showed us around. We found everything in order here except the overflow pipe from the water tower which needs lagging as the old covering is off in places. The land here was in a bad way from flooding.

2. Ballymastone was our next stop, where we saw some nice calves. The road here was rather mucky, but this was only to be expected at this time of year.

3. At Portrane we saw some very heavy springing heifers which should in the near future add further to our milk supplies. We were very impressed by the building adapted for our store pigs. This was an idea of Mr. Hayes, who deserves credit for it.

4. After lunch we visited the gardens, where the usual work for this time of year was in progress and the place looked well cared for and tidy. We would like to mention that there is £400 to £500 worth of machinery lying

out exposed to the elements. We consider that this is bad policy when there is a site prepared for a shed which could be put up for a couple of hundred pounds. It would pay for itself in no time.

We wish to thank Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their co-operation.

EUGENE TIMMONS (*Chairman*).
T. O'REILLY.
J. SMITHERS.
R. BURGESS.

Order—Paragraph 2—Refer to Manager for report.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 25th February, 1960, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (*Chairman*).
Councillor W. J. Colman.
Councillor R. Ellis.
Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 374

18th February, 1960.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on the 18th day of February, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Councillors J. Berry, R. Burgess, P.C., James Carroll, T.D., William J. Colman, P.C., B. Conway, R. Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. C. Keeble, Dr. C. A. Macken, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, R. Roulston, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews, H. P. Dockrell, J. Dignam, P.C., and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 372 dated 21st January, 1960) were confirmed and signed.

The Chairman proposed and Councillor W. J. Colman seconded: "That we tender to Councillor James Carroll, T.D., our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained through the death of his father." The resolution was adopted in silence, all present standing.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st January, 1960, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31/12/1959	1,835	1,874	3,709
Admitted during month	94	81	175
	1,929	1,955	3,884

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged during month	58	55	113
Died during month	10	6	16
Escaped during month	1	—	1
Remaining on Hospital Register	1,860	1,894	3,754
Absent on trial and escape	33	52	85
Remaining in residence	1,827	1,842	3,669

DISTRIBUTION

In St. Brendan's Hospital	846	958	1,804
In St. Ita's Hospital	981	884	1,865
Total number resident as above	1,827	1,842	3,669

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	—	—	2,786	75.9%
County Dublin	—	—	489	13.3%
County Wicklow	—	—	333	9.1%
Criminal Lunatics	—	—	46	1.3%
Non-district patients	—	—	15	.4%
Total	—	—	3,669	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge seconded the adoption of Report No. 373 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th January, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION.
ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

12th January, 1960.

1. We visited St. Brendan's Hospital on Tuesday, 12th January, and noticed that in No. 14 Division (Female) the dormitory has been unusable for several weeks due to a hold up in obtaining glass for the windows which are being renewed. This delay has aggravated the already overcrowded conditions of this division and we would like to know the reason for it.

2. In No. 22 Female Hospital we observed a television set recently installed and feel that it could be sited better for viewing. We learned that reception is poor at times

but nevertheless the programmes are enjoyed by the patients.

3. So far, no steps have been taken to implement the suggestion made by a previous Visiting Committee to improve the means of access to No. 17 Division (Female) for the delivery of the food trolleys and we would like to know if anything is being done in the matter.

4. There is further overcrowding in No. 5 Hospital (Male) due to the transfer of over 30 old bedfast patients from the new unit (No. 10 Division) to make way for patients who are undergoing active treatment. We learned that a proposal was being examined which may lead to the utilisation of vacant chalets at St. Mary's Sanatorium, Phoenix Park, for senile patients who require simple care and attention. The transfer of such patients to this accommodation would help in some way to relieve the acute overcrowding in the hospital.

5. In the course of our visit we were impressed by the appearance of the patients, of the high standard of cleanliness and general tidiness of the various wards we went through notwithstanding the great difficulties which confront the staff resulting from overcrowding.

We wish to thank Drs. O'Sullivan and McCarthy, Miss Murphy, Acting Matron, and Mr. Whelan, Deputy Head Nurse, who were with us in the course of our inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS,
ROBERT ELLIS,
MARY C. ENNIS,
LIAM GAYNOR.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION. ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

4th February, 1960.

1. We visited St. Brendan's Hospital on Thursday, 4th February, 1960. Starting with No. 22 Female Hospital we found everything in perfect order, the patients all happy and contented, many of them occupied with needlework and the various wards all tastefully arranged. The problem of overcrowding is very obvious in some wards and we can only express the hope that extra accommodation will be available at an early date. The kitchen stove is inclined to smoke and the wall and ceiling are affected by smoke and smuts; some form of covering might remedy the defect. The back and front stone stairways could be much improved by some form of covering such as rubberoid or lino.

2. In Division 23 preparations were being made for lunch and the patients were all in cheerful mood and appeared quite happy. The T.B. Units were beautifully kept and the patients very peaceful and quiet.

3. St. Mary's ward we found very orderly and everything very clean. We spoke to some of the patients and had no complaints.

4. Inspecting the new Visiting Hall we noted that accommodation for catering is very limited and it might be possible to provide more elbow room for the staff in view of the big demand on the service.

The Ladies' Dressing Room lacks sufficient mirrors, one long mirror and some extra small ones are very necessary, also about ten additional hooks are required.

5. Passing through the Nurses' Home we were glad to hear that steps are being taken to have passages painted.

We would suggest that the Common Room curtains get some attention.

6. After lunch we inspected Divisions 24, 25 and 26, where we found everything in good order and all the patients quite happy with no complaints. In the Therapy Workroom the interest taken by the patients in the various tasks was remarkable. Some beautiful work is being done here and should be encouraged by every possible means.

7. It seems rather a pity that the hard tennis court outside the Nurses' Home should be allowed to get into such a dilapidated condition. It should be reconditioned or cleared away altogether and other uses found for the space. Our best thanks is due to Dr. O'Brien and Deputy Matron, Miss Murphy, for their help.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

GILBERT HUGHES.

C. KEEBLE.

A. LALOR.

Order—Referred to Manager for report.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the ensuing period to the 24th March, 1960, the date of the next meeting of the Board:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey.

Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor W. J. Colman.

Councillor Joseph Dignam.

Councillor H. P. Dockrell.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

11th February, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's Hospitals on 31st ultimo 3,669 patients, viz. :—

	Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital — —	846	958	1,804
St. Ita's Hospital — —	981	884	1,865
	1,827	1,842	3,669

as compared with :

31st January, 1959 — —	1,789	2,052	3,841
31st January, 1958 — —	1,742	1,999	3,741
31st January, 1957 — —	1,738	2,070	3,808
31st January, 1956 — —	1,749	2,013	3,762

this year's number being 172 less than on the corresponding date last year and 93 less than on the corresponding date in 1956.

2. During the month of January the totals of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows :—

Chargeable Patients :

	Admitted	Discharged
Voluntary — — —	65	34
Temporary — — —	95	79
Persons of Unsound Mind —	12	17

Private Patients :

Voluntary — — —	1	—
Temporary — — —	1	—

Admitted for Special Treatment :

Persons of Unsound Mind —	1	—
	175	130

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Female patient M. D. (14047), St. Brendan's Hospital, escaped from the grounds on the 25th ultimo. She was apprehended by the Gardai on the 28th ultimo and was returned to the hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this escape which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. Male patient C. L. (43332), who had parole of the grounds of St. Ita's Hospital, did not turn into supper on the 3rd ultimo. He was found by the Gardai at his sister's home in Longford on the 19th ultimo and was brought back to hospital by an escort of male nurses

6. Male patient J. O. D. (16432), St. Brendan's Hospital, aged 63 years, who had been confined to bed in the hospital division since the 30th December, 1959, collapsed and died suddenly on the 9th ultimo. The Coroner was notified and a post-mortem examination carried out. The cause of death was certified to be coronary thrombosis.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Male patient T. D. (16468), a temporary patient, who was confined to bed in No. 5 hospital, was found at breakfast time on the 1st instant to have self-inflicted superficial cuts on the left wrist, right thigh, left foot and left leg caused by a razor blade. He was seen immediately by the doctor on duty who sutured the wounds and he was later seen by the Consultant Surgeon.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this incident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Nurse M. D. was off duty on the 13th and 14th ultimo with an injury to his ankles sustained at his home.

Attendant S. S. was off duty from the 3rd to the 5th instant, inclusive, with an injury to her right ankle sustained when she fell on the stairs of the Nurses' Home.

Carpenter T. McP. was off duty on the 14th and 15th ultimo with injuries to his legs and back sustained when he fell from his motor cycle.

9. An application has been received from the Irish Bakers, Confectioners and Allied Workers' Amalgamated Union for an increase of 13/9 a week in the rate of wages payable to the bakers employed by the Board, with effect from the week commencing the 28th November, 1959. The application arises out of a similar adjustment in the rates payable to bakers employed in the Dublin area which has been agreed upon between the Union and the Irish Association of Master Bakers. It has been the practice to pay the agreed local rate and I request the consent of the Board under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase.

The estimated annual cost of the increase is £107 and in the current year £37.

10. An application has been received from the Workers' Union of Ireland for an increase of 13/- a week in the remuneration of the butcher employed by the Board in consequence of a revision of the rate of wages for butchers which has been agreed upon between the Union and the Dublin Master Victuallers' Association. I request the consent of the Board under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase as from the 4th January, 1960.

11. I am circulating with this report a copy of a letter dated 26th ultimo which has been received from the Department of Health in connection with the resolution which was passed at the special meeting of the Board on the 7th ultimo (Report No. 370) requesting the Minister for Health to introduce amendments to the Health Authorities Bill, 1959.

12. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 12th January, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 1: The delay in re-opening the small dormitory in No. 14 Division was due to the fact that it was not possible to obtain glass at the time. The work has since been completed and the dormitory re-occupied.

Paragraph 2: The television set in question had been installed temporarily on trial and it has since been replaced by a new receiver which is giving good viewing.

Paragraph 3: The work of providing a new entrance to improve the means of access to No. 17 Division for the delivery of food trolleys is at present in progress.

13. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Ita's Hospital on the 21st December, 1959, I have to report:—

Paragraph 1: I am informed by the Medical Superintendent that the Housekeeper has not received any complaints of inconvenience to members of the staff by reason of insufficient space and the lack of facilities when preparing special meals for patients at breakfast time and that she is not aware of such a lack of facilities.

14. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted tenders for the purchase of artificial manures as follows:—

Messrs. Stephen Murtagh & Sons—48 tons of 8% superphosphates at £6 10s. a ton delivered.

Northern Fertilisers Ltd., Dundalk—20 tons of 21% sulphate of ammonia at £15 9s. a ton delivered;
20 tons muriate of potash at £14 5s. a ton

delivered: 3 tons 40% sulphate of potash at £19 a ton delivered.

P. Donnelly & Sons Ltd.—7 tons of granulated potassic super 8:16 at £15 10s. a ton delivered.

Paul & Vincent Ltd.—24 tons granulated compound 3:4:16 at £14 12s. 6d. a ton delivered.

Thirteen tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

15. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted the tender of Mr. Hugh Alexander, Killygordon, Co. Donegal, for the supply of 15 tons of Kerr's Pink certified seed potatoes at £12 6s. a ton delivered. Ten tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

16. On the recommendation of the Clerk of Works I have accepted the tender submitted by Tedcastle McCormick & Co. Ltd., for the supply of 600 tons of steam coal to St. Brendan's Hospital at £4 11s. a ton. Seven tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

E. O. CAOIMH,
Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

18th February, 1960.

17. In May, 1958, the Board consented to a proposal to grant increases in temporary bonus with effect from the 1st April, 1958. In the case of adult male employees, the amount of the increase was 10/- a week and for employees

under 21 years 5/- a week. Following negotiation with the Trade Unions representing the staff concerned, it was agreed by the Dublin Corporation to waive the age limitation in respect of clerical officers in its employment and to grant an increase of 10/- a week to all clerical officers. It is proposed to make a similar adjustment in the bonus granted to clerical officers in the employment of the Board. The estimated cost of the proposed increase is £50 in the current year.

The consent of the Board is requested to the submission of this proposal for the sanction of the Minister for Health and to the incurring of expenditure of £50 in excess of the estimate for the current year.

18. The Health Committee of the Dublin Corporation has approved of the following report:—

"During the past few years the number of patients under treatment at St. Mary's Chest Hospital has been steadily decreasing with the result that sections of the Hospital have been closed. In November last the City Medical Officer suggested that the 12-bed chalets in the grounds, capable of accommodating about 150 patients, would be suitable as a Geriatric Unit for the maintenance of patients discharged on trial from Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board. It is intended to operate this Unit on the same lines as St. Brigid's Hospital, Crooksling, now controlled by the Dublin Board of Assistance.

The City Medical Officer and the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent of Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board have had further discussions and it is now proposed that approximately 150 suitable geriatric cases will be transferred from St. Brendan's Hospital.

Specific proposals are being formulated for submission to the Minister whose sanction will be needed."

When the Corporation has received the sanction of the Minister for Health to the proposals, 150 patients will be discharged, on trial, to the new Unit which will be under the control of the Dublin Corporation.

19. A sum of £3,000 has been received from Barclay's Bank Ltd., in respect of a legacy left to the Board by the late Miss Jane Armstrong.

20. I have been advised by the Department of Health of the increases which may be granted to pensioners of the Board under the Pensions (Increase) Act, 1959. The intention is to allow pension increases to persons who retired before the date the fourth round of post-war increases in remuneration came into operation or who retired on or after that date if their pensions were based on averaged remuneration that related wholly or partly to a period that preceded that date.

The present rates of pension may be increased by (a) 6% in the case of those who retired prior to the 1st January, 1948; (b) 4% in the case of those who retired between the 1st January, 1948, and the 1st November, 1952, and (c) a proportionate amount in the case of those who retired after the 1st November, 1952, and whose pensions were calculated on averaged remuneration over a period of three years which commenced before that date.

The number of pensioners affected is 103. The cost of the increases will be £600 in the present financial year and £900 in a full year. The grant of increases in accordance with the authorised scale has been approved, with effect

from 1st August, 1959. The consent of the Board under Section 11 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, is requested to the incurring of expenditure of £600 in excess of the Estimate for 1959/60 to meet the cost of the increases.

E. O. CAOIMH,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Paragraph 9: Mr. John Smithers proposed and Councillor Robert Ellis seconded: "That the Board consents to an increase of 13/9 a week in the remuneration of bakers with effect from the 28th November, 1959." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 10: Councillor Robert Ellis proposed and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded: "That the Board consents to an increase of 13/- a week in the remuneration of the butcher, with effect from the 4th January, 1960." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 11: *Noted.*

Paragraph 17: Councillor Robert Ellis proposed and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded: "That the Board consents to the submission to the Minister for Health of the proposal for the adjustment of the temporary bonus granted to clerical officers and authorises the expenditure of £50 in excess of the Estimate for the current year." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 19: *Noted:* the Board's appreciation and gratitude to be conveyed to the representatives of the late Miss Armstrong.

Paragraph 20: Mr. Thomas O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix seconded: "That the Board authorises the expenditure of £600 in excess of the Estimate for 1959/60." *Passed unanimously.*

Department of Health,
Custom House,
Dublin.

26th January, 1960.

A Chara,

I am directed by the Minister for Health to refer to your letter of 8th January, 1960, transmitting a recent resolution of your Board on the Health Authorities Bill, 1959, and to reply as follows:

As regards the proposed appointment of a statutory Committee under the Bill, I am to direct your attention to Section 60 of the Local Government Act, 1955, which provides as follows:—

"1. A local authority may appoint such and so many committees as they think fit to consider any matters connected with the functions of the local authority (exclusive of matters referred to in subsection (4) of Section 22 of the National Monuments Act, 1930 (No. 2 of 1930) or subsection (1) of Section 48 of the Health Act, 1953 (No. 26 of 1953) and to advise the local authority in these matters.

2. A committee under this section shall consist of not less than three members and may be composed wholly of members of the local authority by whom they were appointed, or partly of such members and partly of other members."

This section will apply to the Dublin Health Authority. The Minister does not consider it desirable to establish statutory committees for particular services as he considers the existing provisions quoted above adequate to enable the Health Authority to appoint such committees as will be necessary.

The Minister does not think that it would be appropriate to provide by statute that the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent in Dublin would act as adviser to the Health Authority. There is and will be no such provision as respects other authorities responsible for the Mental Health Service.

Mise, le meas.

K. A. CONNOLLY.

Chief Clerk.

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board.

F. J. McCULLOUGH.

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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*Report No. 375**25th February, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin, on the 25th day of February, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, William J. Colman, Joseph Dignam, Robert Ellis, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER*25th February, 1960.***1. MILK PRODUCTION**

Since my last report of the 28th ultimo, slight milk shortages occurred up to the 8th instant, when full supplies became available. From the 8th instant St. Brendan's Hospital is receiving 302 gallons and St. Ita's Hospital is receiving 300 gallons daily, as compared with 270 gallons and 269 gallons, respectively, for the hospitals during the month of February, 1959. At present there is a daily

surplus of about 30 gallons which is being sold to Messrs. Merville Dairy Ltd., Finglas, at the current price for surplus milk in the Dublin District. It is expected that the amount of surplus milk will increase considerably over the next few months, when grass becomes available.

As ample supplies of milk are now available, a systematic culling of cows from the herd is being undertaken, and uneconomic, old and low-yielding cows are being slaughtered and supplied to the hospital as beef.

The present daily production from 239 milking cows is 646½ gallons, or 2.70 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of January:—

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 8 gallons	1	1
7 to 8 gallons	Nil	Nil
6 to 7 gallons	3	1
5 to 6 gallons	12	4
4 to 5 gallons	37	30
3 to 4 gallons	48	36
2 to 3 gallons	65	61
1 to 2 gallons	55	68
Under 1 gallon	18	27
	239	228

2. SALES OF LIVESTOCK DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Thirty-three calves were sold at the following prices: 1 for £31, 2 at £25, 4 at £16, 1 for £15 10s., 3 at £15, 2 at £14, 2 at £13 10s., 4 at £12, 4 at £11, 8 at £10 10s., 1 for £10 and 1 for £9; total £455 10s. Two bonhams were sold for £10. Thirty-six store pigs were sold at the following

prices : 27 at £7 5s. and 6 at £7; total £237 15s. Eighteen store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced at £8 10s. each; total £153.

3. MASTITIS

The mastitis position in the herd continues to be satisfactory. Although a few cases of clinical mastitis occurred during the month, they responded to treatment.

4. T.B. TEST

The 19 doubtful reactors from the six-monthly T.B. test carried out in November were re-tested recently and all but one passed the test. This animal will be re-tested in two months' time.

5. GRASS

Due to the recent severe weather grass is making very poor growth and it appears that it will be some time before grass will be available for grazing. The basic dressing of artificials to the grasslands has been applied to portion of the first leys on all farms, and to date approximately 120 acres of ground have been manured.

6. CROPS

With the inclement weather all farm operations have been held up and it appears that the spring work will be very late this year.

The lifting of the potato crop has not yet been completed. About 2 acres of the crop remain to be lifted.

The ploughing and manuring of the ground for this year's potato crop is continuing. Some ground has also been ploughed for the grain crops.

7. SANTRY COURT

Approximately 40 tons of hay costing from £9 to £11 10s. per ton have been purchased on the Dublin market since Christmas for this farm. It will probably be necessary to purchase a further few loads of hay, although there is every indication that early grass will be available in the new leys.

The present stock on this farm consists of 1 horse, 42 calves, 83 yearling heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER,
ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

25th February, 1960.

1. Crops: The area remaining under winter crops is: 2 acres savoy cabbage, 4 acres broccoli, 1½ acres swede turnips, 1½ acres parsnips and 1 acre carrots. There is about 15 cwt. of onions in storage.

The spring cabbage and autumn onion crops are very forward and 4 acres of the former have been dressed with sulphate of ammonia during the past two weeks.

2. Tillage: 4 acres of ground are being prepared at the moment for the first sowing of parsnips and onion seed.

3. Gardens and Recreation Grounds: 2,000 geraniums are being potted on at the moment. Seasonal sowings of flower seeds are being carried out. During the past week lawns and recreation grounds were dressed with fertilisers.

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4. Ploughing and digging vacant ground, preparing ground and sowing seeds in beds and boxes. Re-turfing and making new lawn at rear of Nurses' Home and general upkeep of all grounds.

SANTRY GARDENS

5. Completed pruning and manuring of fruit trees and bushes, tying in wall trees, fumigating tomato houses and weeding flower borders.

ANDREW WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND
GARDENS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

11th February, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's farms and gardens on 11th February. On arrival at Donabate we were met by Mr. Hayes, Farm Manager. Our first visit was to inspect our dairy herd in their winter surroundings. We must say they presented a fine appearance. They were well groomed and in the pink of condition. The byres were in an exceptionally clean condition, which reflects credit on our staff. We understand that our milk yield will be up and that it will show a surplus which will be disposed of to compensate for the low yield last month.

2. We inspected our potato crop, a very fine one indeed. The quantity and quality are good but there is some more to be lifted but owing to the softness of the ground it had to be postponed. However, we expect it will be promising.

3. We proceeded to Ballymastone. Here again our dairy herds were in excellent condition. There was a fine selection of young calves: very promising. Our pastures are making good progress, but growth is slow and with a bit of fine weather they should be in fine condition for grazing.

4. Our next stop was at our farmyard. Here again the same conditions prevailed. Our pig production is still maintained at a very high level. Our lands are being prepared for early spring sowing and work is still in progress.

5. After lunch we inspected the gardens and, in the absence of Mr. Wolohan, Mr. McGrath, Undergardener, accompanied us on our inspection. The grounds in general are already prepared for early spring sowing. All fruit trees are well pruned and show a very clean appearance. Work was at full pressure in the greenhouse, preparing and getting ready flowering plants for early layout. The grounds around the institution were kept in excellent condition, which here again reflects credit on our staff.

We were indebted both to Mr. Hayes and Mr. McGrath for their courtesy and help.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
R. ELLIS.
M. C. ENNIS.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 31st

March, 1960, the date of the next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor Gilbert Hughes.

Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.

Mr. Anthony Lalor.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 376*24th March, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

BOARD MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, the 24th day of March, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives: Councillors John Berry, Roland Burgess, P.C., William J. Colman, P.C., Robert Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, P.C., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors H. P. Dockrell and Thomas Stafford and Mr. R. Roulston.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 374 dated 18th February, 1960) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 29th February, 1960, is submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31st January, 1960	1,860	1,894	3,754
Admitted during month	72	76	148
	1,932	1,970	3,902

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged during month	58	71	129
Died during month	13	16	29
Escaped during month	—	—	—
	71	87	158

Remaining on Hospital Register	1,861	1,883	3,744
Absent on trial and escape	41	54	95
Remaining in residence	1,820	1,829	3,649

DISTRIBUTION

In St. Brendan's	850	948	1,798
In St. Ita's	970	881	1,851
Total number resident as above	1,820	1,829	3,649

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	2,776	76.1%
County Dublin	483	13.2%
County Wicklow	330	9.0%
Criminal Lunatics	46	1.3%
Non-district patients	14	.4%
Total	3,649	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Gilbert Hughes seconded the adoption of Report No. 375 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 25th February, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION,
ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

2nd March, 1960.

1. We visited St. Brendan's Hospital on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1960. In the course of our inspection we covered the entire female divisions of the hospital. We were pleased to note the high standard of cleanliness throughout the various wards we went through. Great credit is due to the nursing staff for the manner in which they care for the patients and maintain the wards in good condition in spite of overcrowding and lack of facilities.

2. We saw patients having their dinner in Nos. 11, 14, 17 and 18 divisions. The meal was of excellent quality and looked very appetising.

3. We noticed that the T.B. unit attached to No. 22 general hospital is in need of re-decoration. The section reserved for members of the staff who are hospitalized also needs re-painting.

4. We visited the Occupational Therapy centre where we were shown some lovely examples of needlework and rugs made by patients. It must be a rewarding experience to those who instruct these patients to see the results of such co-operative effort. We felt that, given normal con-

ditions, this work could be expanded further. The problem of overcrowding, so evident in all sections of the hospital, is one which must be faced first before any progress can be made in this direction.

5. In the course of our visit we learned that approval had been received from the Department of Health to proposals relating to the staffing of Ballyowen and also that the question of transferring male patients to a section of St. Mary's Hospital was being discussed with the authorities concerned. We hope that these important matters will soon be finalised with consequential relief to both patients and staff.

We wish to thank Drs. O'Brien and O'Sullivan, and Miss Murphy, Acting Matron, who were with us in the course of our visit.

Councillor Mrs. Nix, who was unable to come, sent an apology.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

MARY MULVEY.

Order—Refer to Manager for Report.

REPORT OF INSPECTION. ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

8th February, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Monday, February 8th. We saw the room for the proposed New Canteen situated near the entrance hall and while we consider the space inadequate we feel that it will be an asset to visitors

and patients. We suggest that consideration be given to the taking over of the rooms at the back if this is feasible.

2. We noticed that the corridor leading to the main kitchen which was re-decorated some time ago shows signs of fading. We got the impression that only one coat of paint was used or alternatively the paint was of poor quality. We would like an explanation of this as the work was carried out by contractors.

3. In the main kitchen that portion of the floor surrounding the ranges needs immediate attention as, apart entirely from cracks and crevices, the surface seems to be covered with grease, leaving it positively dangerous for members of the staff who have to work there.

4. In the dining hall we found potatoes being served to male patients in their jackets which were cooked with mud and stalks adhering to them. These were placed on an otherwise very appetising stew. On enquiry we were given to understand that no potatoes were peeled or prepared for cooking on Sundays. In addition the machine for washing them had been in England for six months and was only returned the previous week, but it again went out of order. In the circumstances the potatoes were only washed by a hose that morning and as $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons have to be prepared for cooking there was not sufficient time or equipment to deal with such a quantity efficiently. We recommend that immediate steps be taken to arrange matters so that the provision of potatoes for dinner on Mondays will be catered for better. Within recent weeks supplies of potatoes for immediate use in the kitchen have been sent freshly dug from the farm. These were harvested from very wet ground with the consequential adherence of large quantities of clay. Complaints were made about this

without success. It should be possible to draw supplies from storage which would be free from clay and stalks.

5. The shores in the kitchen both inside and outside were stuffed and these should be kept free.

6. We went to Hospital Divisions 6 and 7 and we were pleased to note the general condition of the wards. We were struck by the care and attention given to the older patients by the members of the staff.

7. We returned to the dining hall where female patients were having their dinner. We were glad to note the complete absence of the conditions appertaining when male patients were being served. In fact, they were of a very high standard.

8. We inspected the butter spreading machine and saw bread being prepared for the evening meal. We found conditions satisfactory.

We are grateful to Dr. Meenan and the other members of the staff for their co-operation in the course of our visit. An apology was received from Alderman T. Byrne, T.D. who was unable to be present.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

ROLAND BURGESS.

JAMES CARROLL.

Order—Refer to Manager for report.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the ensuing period to 21st April, 1960, date of the next meeting of the Board:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor James P. O'Connor.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor Robert Ellis.

Councillor Miss Mary C. Ennis.

Mr. Liam Gaynor.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

18th March, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's hospitals on the 29th ultimo 3,649 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital — —	850	948	1,798
St. Ita's Hospital — —	970	881	1,851
	1,820	1,829	3,649

as compared with:

28th February, 1959 —	1,792	2,052	3,844
28th February, 1958 —	1,756	2,002	3,758
28th February, 1957 —	1,742	2,047	3,789
29th February, 1956 —	1,756	2,012	3,768

this year's number being 195 less than on the corresponding date last year and 119 less than on the corresponding date in 1956.

2. During the month of February the totals of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows:—

Chargeable Patients:	Admitted	Discharged
Voluntary — — —	59	53
Temporary — — —	82	86
Persons of Unsound Mind —	7	19
	148	158

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient F.K. (16427), a temporary and liberty patient, was missing from ward No. 7, St. Brendan's Hospital, at bed-time on the 24th ultimo. An escort of nurses failed to find him at his home. He has not since returned to hospital.

Male patient F.N. (60/37), temporary patient, was missing from ward No. 5, St. Brendan's Hospital, at tea-time on the 2nd instant. He has not since returned to hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Female patient S.F. (16502) fell in ward 14 on the 15th ultimo, sustaining a colles fracture of the left wrist.

Male patient P.S. (36625) was noticed on the 7th ultimo to have a swollen left wrist. He stated that he had

slipped in his ward on the previous day. An X-ray examination revealed a fracture of the lower end of the radius.

Male patient J.M. (13415) accidentally slipped on the day room floor of No. 8 ward on the 27th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the wrist.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS. ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL.

Male patient D. O'K (37410), aged 57 years, sustained a fracture of the nasal bone on the 16th ultimo as a result of being struck by another patient.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF. ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL.

Nurse P.G. was absent from duty from the 14th to the 19th ultimo due to an injury to his hip sustained when off duty.

Nurse T.L. was off duty from the 27th to the 29th ultimo, inclusive, as a result of shock following a struggle with a patient.

8. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 4th February, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 1: The stove in No. 22 kitchen referred to is a heat flow cooker and I am informed by the Clerk of Works that it does not smoke. The discoloration of the walls and ceiling of this kitchen is due to the cooking carried out there and I am advised by the Clerk of Works that apart from regular redecoration there is little which can be done to remedy this matter.

Paragraph 4: Steps are being taken to provide improved tea-making facilities at the Female Visiting Hall.

9. An application has been received from the Electrical Trades Union (Ireland) for an increase of 4½d. an hour in the wages of electricians employed by the Board with effect from the 8th January, 1960, an increase of 15/7d. for a 44 hour week, in consequence of an agreement which has been reached between the Union and the National Joint Industrial Committee for the electrical contracting industry. Following on this increase it has also been agreed to adopt a consolidated rate of 4/11d. an hour as from the 26th February, 1960, for electricians employed in the Dublin area.

It has been the practice to pay the agreed local rate and I request the consent of the Board under Section 6 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, to the grant of this increase.

The estimated cost of the increase is £122 a year and in the current year £29.

10. The Minister for Health has sanctioned the acceptance of the tender submitted by Davey Paxman

& Co. Ltd., Colchester, in the sum of £10,148 10s. for the supply of new steam boilers for the male house at St. Brendan's Hospital. This was the lowest of twelve tenders received in response to public advertisement.

11. The sanction of the Minister for Health has been received to the creation of the following nursing and medical posts for St. Loman's Hospital, Ballyowen:—

Post	Numbers
Physician Superintendent	1
Senior Assistant Medical Officer	1
Assistant Medical Officer	2
House Physician	2
Matron	1
Deputy Matron	1
Head Night Nurse	1
Deputy Head Night Nurse	1
Charge Nurses	5
Deputy Charge Nurses	9
Attendant/Mental Nurses	44
General Trained Nurses	12

With the exception of a second office of Senior Assistant Medical Officer the proposals for medical and nursing staffs as submitted have been approved by the Minister.

12. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager the following tenders for grass, clover and corn seeds have been accepted:—

Messrs. J. McCulloch & Sons: 60 lbs. Timothy Omnia for £6 15s. 0d.; 560 lbs. Perennial Ryegrass S.101 for £60 13s. 4d.; 4 brls. Bamba Seed Barley for £14: 5

brls. Atle Seed Wheat for £26 5s.; 10 brls. Atson Seed Wheat for £52 10s.; 13 brls. Karn II Seed Wheat for £68 5s.; 8 brls. Koga II Seed Wheat for £43; 7 brls. Progress Seed Wheat for £38 10s.

Caulfield's Ltd.: 952 lbs. Italian Ryegrass N.Z. Certified Motherseed for £80 7s. 6d.; 728 lbs. N.Z. H.I. Ryegrass for £67 17s. 6d.; 224 lbs. Broadleaf Red Clover for £23 8s.; 728 lbs. Cocksfoot S.26 for £74 8s. 6d.; 126 lbs. White Clover, S.100 for £35 13s. 6d.; 126 lbs. N.Z. Wild White Clover for £26 12s.

T. McKenzie & Sons, Ltd.: 30 lbs. Montgomery Late Flowering Red Clover for £6 3s. 9d.

Townsend Flahavan Seeds, Ltd.: 252 lbs. Dorset Marigrass for £28 7s.

Sir James Mackey, Ltd.: 16 barrels Herta Seed Barley for £50.

Six tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

E. O'CAOIMH,
Assistant City Manager

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

24th March, 1960

13. In my report on the Estimates (Report No. 372) it was pointed out with reference to applications for increased remuneration which had been submitted on behalf of the Board's staffs that the policy for a number of years in relation to cost of living increases for officers of local

authorities had been to follow reasonably closely the lines set in the Civil Service.

With effect from the 15th December, 1959, Civil Servants have been granted increases calculated at the rate of 11½% on the first £250 of basic salaries as fixed in 1948 and 6½% on the remainder and the salary limitation which was imposed in 1958 in connection with the increase granted in that year was also removed. Subject to the approval of the Board and the sanction of the Minister for Health, it is proposed to allow increases which will approximate closely to these Civil Service increases in the remuneration of the Board's staff other than employees whose remuneration is governed by or related to local rates. An increase of 8% on the first £400 of the Board's 1958 rates of remuneration (excluding 1958 bonus) plus 5½% on the remainder would produce approximately this result and it is proposed now to allow these increases from the 15th December, 1959, subject to the minor adjustments relating to consolidation of salaries referred to hereunder and to remove the salary limitation imposed in connection with the 1958 cost of living increase. Where it would not be appropriate or feasible to adjust remuneration on the basis set out above it is proposed to make such adjustment in the light of adjustments which have been made in comparable local rates.

In view of the complicated salary structures arising out of the various increases which have been given by way of temporary allowance or temporary bonus since 1948, it is intended as far as possible now to adopt consolidated salaries, based in each case on existing remuneration as adjusted by this present increase, the actual figures being rounded either up or down as necessary, to provide for

conveniently constructed scales calculated in accordance with the Civil Service adjustments.

In cases where emoluments are provided there would be an appropriate adjustment in the value of the emoluments.

The proposal to grant increases to nursing staffs on the basis set out above has been referred to the Mental Hospital Joint Industrial Council and further consideration of the revision of their remuneration must be deferred pending the issue of the Council's recommendation in the matter.

The total amount required to meet the increases on the above basis for all the staffs concerned would be £37,500 in a full year and £10,000 for the period from the 15th December, 1959, to the 31st March, 1960. While provision has been made for these amounts in the Estimate and Demand for the coming financial year, there is no provision in the current year's estimate for the estimated cost of the increase for the portion of the present financial year from the 15th December, 1959, to the 31st March, 1960. In accordance with the provisions of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, the consent of the Board is requested to the proposed increases as specified above and to the expenditure of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate for the current financial year.

14. In my report of the 19th November, 1959 (Report No. 365) on the trend of expenditure for the six months ended on the 30th September, 1959, I pointed out that it was apparent that the amount provided in the Estimate for the current year would be exceeded. From a further

examination of the probable expenditure for the present financial year, it is estimated that there will be expenditure in excess of the amount authorised under the following heads:—

	£
Food, Drink and Tobacco — — — — —	698
Materials for washing and cleansing — — — — —	6
Medicines — — — — —	2,757
Heating, Lighting and Water Supply — — — — —	83
Furniture — — — — —	502
Medical and Surgical Appliances — — — — —	97
Fees to Authorised Medical Officers — — — — —	418
Repairs—part cost of Staff Dining Hall — — — — —	1,855
Stationery, Printing and Advertising — — — — —	166
Rents, Rates and Taxes — — — — —	444
Cost of conveyance — — — — —	171
Miscellaneous Expenses — — — — —	1,404
	£8,601

Included in the above table is a sum of £1,855 being the expenditure on the Staff Dining Hall over the amount provided from Capital Funds. The cost of this building was estimated at £11,500 of which £10,000 was provided by way of loans. The Board agreed to meet the balance of the cost estimated at £1,500 from Revenue Account. The actual contribution required from Revenue Account is as indicated above—£1,855.

There will also be additional expenditure on the salary and wage increases referred to in the previous paragraph of this report, and the Board has already been requested

to authorise the expenditure for this purpose of £10,000 over and above the amounts provided in the Estimates for the current year.

The Board is now requested to authorise expenditure of £8,601 in excess of the amounts authorised for the financial year 1959/60, in respect of the headings listed above.

E. O'CAOIMH.

Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Paragraph 9: Mr. John Smithers proposed and Mr. T. O'Reilly seconded: "That the Board consents to an increase of 4½d. an hour in the remuneration of electricians, with effect from the 8th January, 1960, and to the adoption of a consolidated rate of 4s. 11d. an hour for electricians, as from the 26th February, 1960." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 13: Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor R. Ellis seconded: "That the Board consents to the proposed increases in remuneration outlined in the Manager's report and to the submission, where necessary, of the proposals for the sanction of the Minister for Health, and authorises the expenditure of £10,000 in excess of the amount provided in the estimate for the current financial year." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 14: Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded: "That the Board authorises the expenditure of the sum of £8,601 in excess of the Estimate for the financial year ending 31st March, 1960, in respect of the headings listed in the Manager's report." *Passed unanimously.*

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 11th March from Corporation of Dublin stating that at a meeting of the City Council held on 7th March Councillor C. Lehané was re-appointed as a member of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board and that the vacancy on the Board resulting from the resignation of Mr. John J. Jones will be filled at the quarterly meeting of the Council to be held on 4th April, 1960. *Noted.*

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

P. J. AIRD,
Acting Chief R.M.S.



*Report No. 377**31st March, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin, on the 31st day of March, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman), in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, W. J. Colman, P.C., R. Ellis, Miss M. C. Ennis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

Mr. J. Mahony, Agricultural Consultant, was also in attendance.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER*31st March, 1960.***1. MILK PRODUCTION**

Since my last report of the 25th ultimo milk production has improved considerably and full supplies were available for both hospitals with an average daily surplus of 73 gallons over the month. At present there is a surplus of 110 gallons of milk daily which is being sold to Messrs. Merville Dairy Ltd., Finglas. All the milk sold up to the 14th instant was paid for at the rate of 2/8 per gallon.

with the exception of 14 gallons which was sold at 1/8 per gallon, this being the surplus milk price rate in the Dublin district. It is expected that milk production will increase still further when all the milch cows are out on grass day and night.

The culling of old and uneconomic cows from the herd is continuing and these are being slaughtered at the rate of two per week.

The present daily production from 262 milking cows is 740 gallons or 2.82 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of last month:—

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 8 gallons —	Nil	1
7 to 8 gallons —	1	Nil
6 to 7 gallons —	3	3
5 to 6 gallons —	13	12
4 to 5 gallons —	47	37
3 to 4 gallons —	60	48
2 to 3 gallons —	70	65
1 to 2 gallons —	49	55
Under 1 gallon —	19	18
	262	239

2. PURCHASES AND SALES OF LIVESTOCK

The following transactions took place during the month of February: One boar was purchased for £39 18s. Forty calves were sold at the following prices: 2 at £23, 2 at £17, 5 at £16, 2 at £15 10s., 3 at £15, 1 for £14 10s., 1 for £14, 2 at £13, 1 for £12 10s., 8 at £12, 6 at £11, 5 at £10 and 2 at £9: total £533. Six store pigs were sold at

the following prices: 4 at £7 12s. 6d. and 2 at £7; total £44 10s. Three fat sows were sold and realised £90 12s. nett. Fifty-four store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced at £8 each; total £432.

3. The young Friesian bull which fractured a leg last October was slaughtered as the injured leg did not mend satisfactorily. The carcase turned out to be very good quality beef. The value of the carcase and offal was £57 10s.

4. MASTITIS

The mastitis position in the herd continues to be satisfactory. While a few cows developed mastitis during the month, they responded to treatment.

5. GRASS

The grass position has improved considerably over the past month, and all the stock are now out night and day with the exception of the Portrane milch cows and the Turvey calves which are still housed by night.

Ample supplies are available on Turvey Farm but grass is still rather scarce at Portrane owing to the wet condition of the land and the heavy stocking over the winter period. It was found necessary to purchase a further 12 tons of hay for this farm. This hay was procured locally at £11 per ton ex-farm, which is a reasonable price.

Owing to the very wet spring some fields could not be manured earlier in the year and are only now receiving a basic dressing of artificials, having been grazed first.

6. CROPS

Due to the very unfavourable weather experienced this spring, all farm operations have been held up and so far none of the crops have been sown. The ploughing and manuring of the ground for the potato crop is continuing and only about 5 acres of ground remain to be ploughed for this crop. The preparation of the ground for the sowing of the grain crops is progressing steadily, for which approximately 30 acres of tillage ground have still to be ploughed.

The lifting of the potato crop was completed on the 25th February. The estimated average yield from 107 acres is 8.23 tons, including ware and pig potatoes. Last year the yield from 96 acres was 2.47 tons per acre as compared with 7.40 tons from 95 tons in 1957.

During the winter approximately 40 tons of Dunbar Rover potatoes were stored, to be supplied to the hospitals later in the year. These potatoes, which are reputed to be of good keeping quality, were dressed in the usual way against sprouting in storage. We have now begun to use them and find that they have stored badly and almost half of them will be a total loss due to dry rot disease.

7. SANTRY COURT

Grass supplies are now available on this farm for all stock. Most of the stock are out on grass day and night, but some of the yearling heifers are still being housed at night.

The present stock consists of one horse, two dry cows, 42 yearling heifers, 82 two-year-old heifers and one bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

31st March, 1960.

1. The area under vegetables in season at the moment is as follows: $\frac{1}{2}$ acre savoy cabbage, 3 acres broccoli, 1 acre leeks, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre scallions, 14 tons swede turnips and 8 tons carrots. Other crops not in season are: 12 acres spring cabbage, 1 acre broccoli and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre late sown autumn onions.

2. Tillage and Sowings: 10 acres were ploughed during the past month and 5 acres tilled and prepared for seed. One acre of parsnips and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of onions were sown.

3. Gardens and Recreation Grounds: Work in this section during the past month was as follows: Sowing peas, beans, beet, lettuce, turnips, leeks and flower seeds; planting tomatoes; applying fertiliser to fruit trees; hoeing and weeding flower beds and borders; mowing grass and general upkeep of gardens and grounds.

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4. Two acres of ground have been ploughed and tilled in preparation for crops. Sowings of lettuce, peas, beans, leeks and parsley were made during the past month. Other work carried out was as follows: Renovating sports grounds, planting shrubs and top-dressing bowling greens.

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5. Work in this unit consisted of pruning and spraying fruit trees, preparing tomato houses, cleaning flower borders and taking chrysanthemum cuttings.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND
GARDENS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

10th March, 1960.

1. We visited the farms and gardens on 10th March. Turvey Farm has 135 acres of pasture and growth: slow until now, is improving daily. Silage is almost finished and the cattle are being put out on grass. The cows here are averaging $2\frac{1}{2}$ gallons each morning. There are 34 calves here in excellent condition.

2. The cows at Ballymastone are being put out on grass to-morrow. Growth here is good. There are 57 calves here, well housed. Hay is at present costing £16 13s. per ton and as grass is scarce at Portrane Farm some hay must be purchased. Old cows are being killed for use at about two per week. Pigs number 440 are housed in every conceivable place. Proper housing is urgently needed to facilitate proper culling and rearing.

3. Gardens: The bullfinch and migratory sparrows have played havoc with the young fruit buds. Lettuce, peas, parsley, beans have been sown. Milder weather would help considerably.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

GILBERT HUGHES.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

ANTHONY LALOR.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEE

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 28th April, 1960, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor R. Burgess.

Mr. T. O'Reilly.

Mr. John Smithers.

OBSERVATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL MANAGER'S REPORT ON FARM COSTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1959

It will be observed from the figures given on page 46 of the report in question that a loss amounting to £2,584 was incurred in the various activities on the Board's farms. This, of course, was entirely at variance with the financial position in previous years in the operation of the farms now under review. The table given beneath reveals the financial position at the end of each year from 1954-55 to 1958-59, inclusive.

1958-59—a loss of	—	—	£2,584
1957-58—a profit of	—	—	£10,063
1956-57—a profit of	—	—	£5,357
1955-56—a profit of	—	—	£6,568
1954-55—a profit of	—	—	£3,111

An examination of the above figures reveals that the total profits for the four years 1954-55 to 1957-58, inclusive, amounted to £25,099. The loss of £2,584 sustained in the operations of the farms during the year 1958-59 reduces the earning over the five-year period to £22,515. This gives an average profit of £4,503 per year over the five years ended on the 31st March, 1959.

As stated by the Agricultural Manager in his report conditions on the land in 1958-59 were the worst on

record. Rainfall was exceptionally heavy. Furthermore, it was at its worst during periods when crops were most sensitive to it. This applied in particular to the hay and potatoes where losses were so very heavy.

The losses experienced in the working of the Portrane Farms during 1958-59 were rather considerably greater than that experienced over the country as a whole. The causes of this unfavourable condition may be enumerated as follows:—

1. A much heavier rainfall in North County Dublin during 1958-59 than in many other parts of the country.
2. The heavier soils in the Board's farms than elsewhere.
3. A high proportion of reclaimed land which is more subject to flooding.
4. The more luxuriant growth of crops grown on the Board's lands due to a very high fertility level of the soils. This highly succulent growth is, of course, much more difficult to save than a less luxuriant material grown on poorer land.

In my observations on the Agricultural Manager's report on farm costs in previous years comparisons of various sorts were made. These comparisons included crop and milk productions from various parts and over various periods of time. On this occasion no useful purpose would be served in view of the utterly abnormal conditions prevailing on the Board's farms.

As an instance of the abnormal conditions prevailing on the Board's holdings in 1958-59 the potato crop figures are of particular interest. The area under the

crop was 96 acres but 33 acres were a complete loss owing to flooding early in the growing year. The average yield per acre planted amounted to slightly less than 2½ tons per acre as compared with a yield of 7½ tons in the previous year. The complete failure of almost 33 per cent of the crop and partial failure of some of the remaining acreage give an absurdly low figure for the per acre yield.

The position in barley production, although on a smaller scale, is somewhat similar to that experienced in the potato growing referred to above. The area sown in 1958-59 was 36 acres, but 6 acres of the crop could not be harvested owing to the condition of the ground, while the remaining part of the crop suffered heavily from lodging.

The abnormal losses suffered in crop production through reductions in yields and deterioration in quality reacted rather seriously in the economics of animal production. This was pronounced in the cost of producing milk on the farm. It will be observed in the Agricultural Manager's report that the cost per gallon of producing milk advanced from 25.80 pence in 1957-58 to 31.76 pence in 1958-59. It will be further observed that this increase was mainly in foods which advanced from 15.97 pence in 1957-58 to 20.14 pence in 1958-59 or by an amount of 4.17 pence per gallon.

The losses incurred through excessive rain during the period under review were particularly severe in the making of hay. It will be noted from the Agricultural Manager's report that the cost per ton in haymaking amounted to approximately £14. The previous year the cost of making hay amounted to £6 8s. per ton. It will

also be noted from the Agricultural Manager's report that 220 tons of hay had to be purchased and that the price paid for it worked out at an average of £11 7s. 6d. per ton.

The unfortunate experience with the hay crop in the year under review had rather serious repercussions in other directions. Owing to the shortage of hay and the fact that the quality of the limited quantity available was much below normal, concentrates, which were very costly, had to be used in increased quantities. This was pronounced in the case of the dairy cows which consumed on the average 16½ cwts. per cow as against a consumption level of 12 cwt. per cow in the preceding year. The feeding of increased quantities of costly concentrates to the young stock on the farm was responsible to a rather pronounced extent for raising the cost of heifers entering the herd. It will be noted from the report that heifers entering the herd in 1957-58 cost £66 15s., while those entering the herd in 1958-59 cost the rather staggering figure of approximately £89.

A brighter feature of the position on the Board's farm is the good progress that has been made in the building up of a high-class pedigree herd of Friesian cattle. The grading up from the shorthorn cattle, formerly kept in the farms, to the Friesian breed by the use of high-class Friesian bulls has been most satisfactory. The young stock now entering the herd to the extent of almost 100 each year are superior in body conformation and milk yielding capacity.

In addition to the great improvement that has been secured in the grading up process referred to in the preceding paragraph very great strides have been made in the

elimination of T.B. from the herd. The stage has now been reached where there are no reactors in successive tests and the herd is up to the disease-free standard.

The raising of the herd to pedigree level referred to above and the elimination of T.B. from all farms under the Board's control may be regarded as very satisfactory. Apart from the fact that the young cows entering the herd each year are much superior from the point of view of producing more milk, they have a much higher market value owing to freedom from disease.

The Agricultural Manager in his report refers to the good demand for Hereford type calves and to the high prices secured for them. The sales of such animals have in fact been a rather important source of income in recent years. The stage has, however, now been reached when the use of Hereford sires can be restricted and Friesian bulls used instead. While Herefords have been selling at very good prices and are likely to continue in good demand, heifers of the Friesian breed are assured of a keen demand at really good prices.

The pig section of the farm is as heretofore a main source of profit. The margin of profit is, however, much lower than in previous years. It amounted to £1,743 12s. 6d. for 1958-59. In 1955-56 it was £3,036.

Although the profit margin in this section of the Board's activities has been rather substantially reduced, the position is still satisfactory. While losses from disease are high and give rise to some concern, production is still well above average.

The brood sows kept in the herd are up to a high standard as regards body conformation, thriftiness and

ability to produce and rear good litters. This satisfactory position has been secured and maintained by careful and competent selection of both male and female stock.

J. MAHONY.

1st March, 1960.

The Committee complimented Mr. Hayes and Mr. Mahony on their reports and congratulated Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan and the Farm and Garden Staffs on the excellent manner in which the farms and gardens had been worked during the year under review.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 378**21st April, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board****BOARD MEETING**

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on the 21st day of April, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

Dublin Corporation Representatives: Alderman Thomas Byrne, T.D., Councillors John Berry, Lorcan Bourke, R. Burgess, P.C., William J. Colman, P.C., R. Ellis, G. Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, Dr. C. A. Macken, Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Frank Sherwin, T.D., Messrs. Liam Gaynor, A. Lalor, T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, P.C., Miss Mary B. Andrews.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 376 dated 24th March, 1960) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st March, 1960, was submitted as follows:—

				Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 29/2/60	—	—	—	1,861	1,883	3,744
Admitted during month	—	—	—	89	95	184
				1,950	1,978	3,928
	Males	Females	Total			
Discharged during month	64	67	131			
Died during month	—	18	14	32		
Escaped during month	—	3	—	3		
				85	81	166
Remaining on Hospital Register	—	—	—	1,865	1,897	3,762
Absent on trial and escape	—	—	—	37	50	87
Remaining in residence	—	—	—	1,828	1,847	3,675
DISTRIBUTION						
In St. Brendan's	—	—	—	859	968	1,827
In St. Ita's	—	—	—	969	879	1,848
Total number resident as above				1,828	1,847	3,675

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	—	—	—	2,795	76.1%
County Dublin	—	—	—	489	13.3%
County Wicklow	—	—	—	332	9.0%
Criminal Lunatics	—	—	—	44	1.2%
Non-district patients	—	—	—	15	0.4%
Total	—	—	—	3,675	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Councillor William J. Colman proposed and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded the adoption of Report No. 377 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 31st March, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION,
ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

7th April, 1960.

1. We visited St. Brendan's Hospital on Thursday, 7th April. Over the Annexe, where male members of the Nursing Staff are accommodated, we were shown two unoccupied rooms. These were originally reserved as bedrooms for members of the staff on night duty to sleep in during the day but they are not in use as there are no heating facilities. The old fireplaces have been sealed up and no means of alternative heat has been provided. While we appreciate that staff conditions do not come within our scope, we feel that some effort should be made to make these rooms ready for use. Members of the staff on night duty have to share rooms with others on day duty with the result that their sleep is often disturbed. In one unoccupied room we saw an open fire burning in an old-fashioned grate and we felt that the practice of leaving untended fires constitutes a fire risk that cannot be ignored.

2. The re-decoration of these quarters undertaken some time ago, is an improvement. Much more, however, remains to be done to bring them up to modern standards. The provision of floor covering for the rooms and pas-

sages is necessary. It would help to keep them clean. We noticed that the standard of cleanliness and tidiness leaves much to be desired.

3. Along the passage leading to the toilets we saw stacked against the wall a quantity of gas masks in cardboard containers, which have been there since the years of the Emergency—nineteen years ago. A suggestion by a previous Visiting Committee urging their disposal has not yet been acted upon. We found the toilets in a most unhygienic condition and saw an out of date bath situated near them, the only facility for bathing purposes. Conditions such as these call for steps to improve matters.

4. We looked into a room used occasionally by a member of the medical staff. It had been re-decorated recently but we noticed that the floor covering consisted of a worn carpet, stained by bird droppings, which have access through an open window. A cupboard contained numerous bottles and other items, all covered with dust.

5. The room used by the Chief R.M.S. is in a reasonable state of decoration, but on one wall we noticed that dampness has penetrated. We think that the furnishings are not up to the standard befitting an office which administers the affairs of the Hospital and where so many members of the public are interviewed and suggest that steps be taken to replace the furniture.

6. In the Out-Patients' Department we observed a lack of seating accommodation for patients waiting to see the doctor on duty. While there two elderly patients were seated on high benches used for examining patients, while others were standing. This department is serving an important function, but its accommodation is entirely inadequate.

7. We went to the Male Dining Hall where we saw patients having their dinner. Some of the patients did not eat potatoes as they were unpalatable. We were given to understand that the potatoes within recent weeks were not up to standard and there was much wastage. The dining hall was very much overcrowded and it struck us that it should be feasible to cater for patients at intervals instead of accommodating so many at one sitting.

8. We went through No. 5 Hospital, which is also very much overcrowded. Notwithstanding the conditions, the staff is making every effort to look after the patients. The transfer of senile patients to St. Mary's Hospital will help to ease matters. We hope that this will take place soon.

9. We visited the Stores and saw and appreciated how important this section is to the hospital. Materials and commodities used are carefully placed and readily available on demand. We would like to commend Mr. Murphy, Storekeeper, and Mr. Reynolds on the manner in which they run it.

We wish to thank Mr. Whelan, Acting Head Nurse, and Mr. McAllister, Acting Deputy Head Nurse, who were with us in the course of our inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

JAMES P. O'CONNOR.

THOMAS O'REILLY.

JOHN SMITHERS.

Order—Referred to Manager for report.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

23rd March, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Wednesday, March 23rd. The work of converting the staff dining hall into the proposed new canteen started before Christmas is not completed yet. Very little, if any, structural alterations were necessary and some explanation is due as to why it has taken so long to complete.

2. We went to Nos. 4, 5 and 6 Male Divisions. In Nos. 4 and 5 where Occupational Therapy has been introduced we were pleased to see a number of patients whose mental illness is in an advanced stage, making rugs and baskets. We were struck by the obvious interest they were taking in their work. As pointed out in previous reports, there is much more work of this nature to be done and steps should be taken to train members of the staff in occupational therapy, who could be specifically assigned to that task.

3. In No. 6 male hospital division there is an inadequate supply of hot water due to low pressure when water is being drawn from another part of the building. Attention was drawn to this before but nothing has, so far, been done. It is regrettable that the painting programme has had to be curtailed because of cost as there are parts of this part of the hospital in need of re-decoration.

4. In the Dining Hall we saw male patients being served with dinner. We did not receive any complaints. In the kitchen adjoining we saw members of a newly recruited

domestic staff performing their duties. We were informed that their introduction has helped to contribute to a more efficient system of working. We welcome this change as it enables the nursing staff to apply themselves to the work of caring for the patients.

5. In the vegetable shed we saw the equipment used for preparing vegetables for meals. We examined a potato peeler which is worn and needs replacing.

6. In the course of our visit we were struck by the high standard of cleanliness of the corridors and wards. We wish to thank Dr. Aird, R.M.S., and Dr. Hegarty, who accompanied us. Apologies were received of inability to be present from Councillor J. Dignam and Councillor H. P. Dockrell.

Order—Noted.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

WILLIAM J. COLMAN.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the ensuing period to the 19th May, 1960, the date of the next meeting of the Board:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

- Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
- Councillor Miss Mary B. Andrews.
- Councillor John Berry.
- Councillor Roland Burgess.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
Councillor Gilbert Hughes.
Councillor Mrs. C. Keeble.
Mr. Anthony Lalor.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

14th April, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's Hospitals on the 31st ultimo 3,675 patients, viz.:—

		Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital	—	859	968	1,827
St. Ita's Hospital	—	969	879	1,848
		1,828	1,847	3,675

as compared with:

31st March, 1959	—	1,791	2,065	3,856
31st March, 1958	—	1,750	2,010	3,760
31st March, 1957	—	1,742	2,037	3,779
31st March, 1956	—	1,741	2,026	3,767

this year's number being 181 less than on the corresponding date last year and 92 less than on the corresponding date in 1956.

2. During the month of March the totals of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows:—

Chargeable Patients:	Admitted	Discharged
Voluntary — — —	86	59
Temporary — — —	81	65
Persons of Unsound Mind —	15	42
Private Patients:		
Voluntary — — —	1	—
Admitted for Special Treatment:		
Persons of Unsound Mind —	1	—
	184	166

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient L.N. (60/286), St. Brendan's Hospital, escaped while returning to his ward from a concert on the 20th ultimo. He was brought back to hospital on the 23rd ultimo by an escort of male nurses.

Male patient A.N. (60/171), St. Brendan's Hospital, failed to turn into tea in his ward on the 2nd instant. He has not yet returned to hospital.

Male patient J.C. (16362), St. Brendan's Hospital, escaped from the dormitory of No. 2 ward on the 27th ultimo. He returned voluntarily to the hospital on the 31st ultimo.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connec-

tion with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. Male patient K.H. (12905), who had parole of the grounds of St. Ita's Hospital, was missed from No. 2 open ward at breakfast on the 29th February. He was re-taken by the Gardai some time later and has since been charged with breaking and entering premises. He is still in custody.

Male patient P.T. (15885), a liberty patient, who had been working in the dairy at St. Ita's Hospital, was missed at dinner time on the 6th ultimo. He was returned to hospital from Back Lane shelter by an escort of nurses on the 6th ultimo.

Male patient J.J.Q. (13095), St. Ita's Hospital, did not turn in for supper on the 19th ultimo. He was returned to hospital by a Gardai escort on the 29th ultimo.

Male patient J.P.B. (60379), St. Ita's Hospital, was missed when returning from chapel after supper on the 25th ultimo. He was found at his home and was brought back to hospital by an escort of male nurses on the 26th ultimo.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Female patient J.B. (15998) was discovered on the 8th ultimo to have discoloration and swelling of the left great toe. An X-ray examination showed a fracture of the

proximal phalynx of the toe. The patient stated that she had stubbed her toe against the floor recently when getting out of bed.

Female patient M.W. (132), when standing up from a seat in the recreation grounds on the 10th ultimo slipped and fell to the ground. She sustained an intertrochanteric fracture of the left femur.

Female patient A.B. (1694) rolled out of bed in ward No. 18 on the 18th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the right femur.

Male patient R.B. (5906), on the 10th ultimo, complained of soreness of the left hip and spine due to a fall sustained by him in the ward toilet on the previous day and of which he had said nothing at the time. An X-ray examination showed a fracture involving the ilial bone.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Female patient H.B. (41290) sustained a fracture of the neck of the left femur, as a result of slipping off a seat in No. 2 ward on the 19th ultimo. The patient was X-rayed and sent to St. Brendan's for surgical treatment which she received at the Mater Hospital. I regret to report that she died in St. Brendan's Hospital on the 28th ultimo. A post mortem examination was carried out on the direction of the Coroner.

Female patient E.S. (35796), slipped and fell while going to the dining hall in No. 8 ward on the 25th ultimo. In falling she struck her shoulder against a radiator causing a fracture of the shaft of the left humerus.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Attendant J. O'R. was off duty from the 6th to the 8th ultimo, inclusive, and from the 11th ultimo to the 1st instant, inclusive, with an injury to his ankle sustained while playing football.

Temporary Attendant J.D. was off duty on the 9th ultimo with an injury to his left eye sustained when playing football in the hospital grounds.

One other accident, which did not cause incapacity to a member of the nursing staff was reported.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Nurse J.N. was off duty from the 14th to the 20th ultimo, inclusive, and since the 31st ultimo due to sprained muscles of his right hand which was twisted by a patient on the 13th ultimo.

Temporary domestic E.G. was off duty from the 1st ultimo to the 3rd instant with a fractured clavicle sustained when she fell off her bicycle in the hospital grounds when going off duty.

Attendant R.N.G. was off duty from the 18th to the 22nd ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to her right hand sustained when removing glass from a window broken by a patient.

Nurse J.W. was off duty from the 20th to the 25th ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to her back sustained when knocked against a table by a patient.

Attendant M.C.B. was off duty from the 23rd to the 28th ultimo, inclusive, due to an injury to her back sustained when on duty in the kitchen on the 21st ultimo.

Temporary farm worker T.F. has been off duty since the 7th ultimo due to an injury to his right wrist sustained when cutting a hedge at Turvey farm.

Temporary farm worker M.K. sustained a fracture of the left leg on the 21st ultimo when helping to unload an artificial manure spreader from a horse float in the Engineer's Yard. One of the wheels of the machine slipped off the unloading plank and the machine moved forward jamming his leg against a concrete pillar. He was admitted to St. Kevin's Hospital for treatment.

A number of other accidents which did not cause incapacity to members of the nursing staff were reported.

10. Further to Paragraph 12 of my report of the 18th March, 1960, the following are particulars of the tillage programme as planned for this year with details of the seeds required and the cost of same:—

Crop	Seeds	Cost		
		£	s.	d.
35 acres of Feeding Barley	20 barrels	64	0	0
13 acres Winter Wheat —	6 ..	55	4	6
66 acres Spring Wheat —	43 ..	228	10	0
127 acres new pastures —	3,786 lbs.	410	6	1
69 acres of potatoes —	23½ tons	322	3	0

In addition to the seed potatoes purchased 35/40 tons of our own seed will be used.

A further 40 acres of the farmlands will be devoted to the growing of vegetables. The balance of the arable land amounting to about 670 acres is in established pastures, including Santry Court. Of the 127 acres of new pastures, 114 acres will be laid down under the corn crops and the remainder will be reseeded directly.

11. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Ita's Hospital on the 8th February, 1960, I have to report—

Paragraph 1: Consideration will be given to the taking over of the rooms in question for use in connection with the Canteen as soon as it is found possible to make other arrangements for catering for the medical staff.

Paragraph 3: A sum is provided in the 1960/61 Estimates for the relaying of the floor of the main kitchen.

Paragraph 4: The preparation of potatoes for the patients' dinner on Monday must be carried out that morning, as no preparation is made on Sunday for the following day's supplies. I am informed by the Medical Superintendent that the potato peeler broke down on Christmas Eve and new parts which had been obtained from England were fitted on the 7th January, but due to further mechanical trouble which developed, the machine was in use only intermittently up to the 11th ultimo. Neither the potato peeler nor the machine for washing the potatoes had been in England for repair. The potato washing machine was in working order on the date of the inspection and all the potatoes used for dinner on that day

had passed through the washing machine. The Medical Superintendent informs me that hoses were not used at all in washing the potatoes.

Supplies of potatoes for immediate use in the kitchen were sent direct from the farm as these potatoes, due to their heavily clayed condition, could not be stored. The potatoes, which would normally have been harvested last October, had to be left in the ground due to weather conditions.

Paragraph 5: I am informed by the Chief Engineer that the sewerman, whose duties include the clearing of all kitchen shores and grease traps daily, had not attended to the kitchen shores at the time of the Inspection as he had been engaged in cleaning the Aga Cooker.

E. O'CAOIMH,

Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

21st April, 1960.

12. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Ita's Hospital on the 23rd March, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 1: The work of converting the former Board dining-room to a canteen was commenced on the 19th January, 1960, and the delay in completing the scheme was due to difficulties experienced by the contractors in obtaining plastic covering of the type specified for the wall seats. There was also a delay in securing delivery of the kiosk for which tenders were received on the 28th January last.

Paragraph 2: It is proposed to make arrangements for three members of the male nursing staff to undergo special training in occupational therapy.

Paragraph 3: In connection with the hot water supply to No. 6 male hospital division, I am informed by the Chief Engineer that the pipe size has been increased so as to give an adequate supply. Provision has been made in the current year's estimates for the continuation of the painting of this ward.

Paragraph 5: The potato peeling machine in question was purchased in November, 1957, and I am informed by the Chief Engineer that it is in good condition except for a carborundum lining which is being replaced.

13. The Minister for Health has been requested to make an order under Section 158 of the Mental Treatment Act, 1945, approving of St. Loman's Hospital, Ballyowen, as an institution for the reception of persons as voluntary patients and as temporary patients. The structural alterations to the hospital have been completed and proposals in connection with temporary staffing arrangements, pending the permanent appointment of medical and senior nursing officers, have been submitted to the Department of Health for approval.

M. A. VEALE,

Assistant City Manager.

Order—Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated 5th April, 1960, from the Corporation of Dublin stating that at the Quarterly Meeting of the City Council held on the 4th April, Councillor Lorcan Bourke

was appointed as a member of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board in succession to Mr. John J. Jones, who had resigned.

Order—Noted.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

It was decided to summon a meeting of the Building Committee for 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1960, to consider proposals for the reconstruction of Divisions 25, 26 and 27, St. Brendan's Hospital.

VACANCY IN BUILDING COMMITTEE

On the proposition of Mr. Thomas O'Reilly, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix, Councillor Lorcan Bourke was appointed to the Building Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. John J. Jones.

H. J. McCULLOUGH,

Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,

Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,

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*Report No. 379**26th April, 1960*

Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

BUILDING COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Building Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on Tuesday, the 26th April, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present: Councillors Miss M. Andrews, W. J. Colman, P.C., Mrs. M. Ledwidge, P. McCarthy, Mrs. K. Nix, T. Stafford, Messrs. T. O'Reilly and John Smithers.

Mr. J. J. Inglis, B.Arch., representing Mr. Vincent Kelly, Architect, was in attendance at the meeting.

DIVISIONS 25, 26 AND 27 ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

The following report from the Architect in connection with Divisions 25, 26 and 27 St. Brendan's Hospital was considered by the Committee:—

87 Merrion Square,
Dublin.

30th May, 1959.

The Chief Clerk,
St. Brendan's Hospital,
Upper Grangegorman,
Dublin.

RE: ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

NORTH DUBLIN UNION ANNEXE—DIVISIONS 25, 26 AND 27

Dear Sir,

In accordance with your instructions I have given careful consideration to the Manager's request that I report as to whether the above building should be completely abandoned or whether it could be economically reconstructed for further use.

The following are extracts from the several reports which I have submitted in connection with this building:—

31st October, 1939—*Clock Tower*

" With reference to your letter of the 13th instant I examined the main walls both externally and internally supporting the masonry clock tower over No. 25 Division N.D.U. annexe.

There are no signs of a bulge or settlement in these walls. I am therefore of the opinion that the walls are structurally sound and that no undue strain is imposed on the walls as a result of the weight of the clock tower.

I would, however, draw your attention to the necessity of examining the floor joists on first and second floor corridor immediately below the clock tower. I have formed the opinion that many of the joists will be found defective."

1st July, 1957—Clock Tower

"The internal walls which enclose the staircase and support three sides of the Tower appear to be in good structural condition. The external wall beneath the pediment is, however, bulged outwards both horizontally and vertically, and is, in my opinion, in a condition likely to become dangerous . . ."

4th November, 1957—Clock Tower

"The building consists, on each of its three floors, of large Day-rooms and Dormitories located on either side of the central pedimented feature. These large rooms are 113 feet in length; thus the only structural tiwalls are those which correspond to the quoins beneath the pediment. The existence of vertical cracking on each floor is evidence that these tiwalls are no longer effectively bonded to the external walls.

In addition to the tower and its supporting walls I have generally examined the walls of the remaining portion of the building which forms the Tower side of the Courtyard. The external walls of the wings, each side of the Tower, are bulged inwards and outwards in a most irregular fashion; there is, however, a general tendency of the Western wing to lean northwards and the Eastern wing southwards . . ."

"The condition, however, of the external walls of the wings each side of the Tower is such that, in my view, it will be necessary, in the near future, to remove the top storey and re-proof the building at a lower level, so as to reduce the weight and strain imposed on the walls; I would prefer, however, to examine this question more precisely before making a positive recommendation."

17th December, 1957—*Clock Tower Wing, Division 25*

"I have now completed the measuring and plumbing of the interior of the two wings and a preliminary examination of the figures confirms my opinion as to the tendency of each to lean in opposite directions. The external wall on the Northern side of the Western wing is leaning out or bulged to an average of 3" off the vertical; the measurements were taken 10' 0" over ground floor level.

In view of this serious situation I must recommend that immediate steps be taken to support this wall by means of temporary shores"

14th May, 1958—*Clock Tower Wing, Division 25*

"The external plumbings of this Wing reveal an alarming condition. The central position of the Southern wall is leaning inwards at the top, to an extent of 10" and the Northern wall at the corresponding point is leaning outwards to an extent of 6"

The upper floors of the building are timber joisted and boarded, the joists are 9" in depth, which in my view, is inadequate for rigidity over 20' 0" spans. All of these floors are very springy when subjected to impact and

none of them are level. The ceiling over the first floor Dormitory of the Eastern wing is sagged and there is evidence of cracking along the cornice line.

The condition of the South wall of the Western Wing, which leans inwards to a maximum extent of 10" is such that any further movement in this wall will not be resisted by the floors, as the joists will tend to be driven into the comparatively loose interior of the wall

Having carefully considered all of the foregoing circumstances and taken into account the fact that the expenditure of even a considerable sum on large-scale reconstructions involving the re-building of walls, etc., would not be justified, or result in the building being made suitable for the treatment of mental patients, I am of the opinion that the building should be abandoned altogether."

25th June, 1958—Clock Tower Wing. Division 25

"As pointed out in my report of the 10th May last, the external walls of the Wings which lean outwards have been temporarily supported by timber raking shores and are now therefore in a reasonably safe condition; the walls which lean inwards cannot be considered safe, especially if subject to exceptional stresses such as are caused by vibration. Further, the recent prolonged heavy rains has a very serious weakening effect on stone walls of this type and not infrequently results in their collapse, as has been confirmed by the Dublin Corporation's Inspector of Dangerous Buildings, who was consulted about this building and which he inspected in November last."

1st July, 1958—Divisions 26 and 27

"On referring to the plan you will notice that the positions, at second floor level, of the Southern and Northern walls of the Wings are indicated by red lines, in order to illustrate their position in relation to the walls at ground level, these positions were plotted by stretching a line between the points marked A and B and taking measurements at intervals. At ground level the walls were straight between the points A and B, whereas at second floor level the walls were found to be curved inwards to a maximum of 6" and 3" respectively.

The condition of the stonework in the walls of Divisions 26 and 27 which faces the courtyard is extremely bad in places, many of the stones are cracked and others are decayed

The internal condition of Divisions 26 and 27 is generally better than that in Division 25, this is due to improved plasterwork and more recent decoration. There is, however, evidence of cracking which is more extensive in Division 27. Plaster cracks have opened in the walls of one of the Dormitories of this Division since redecoration about eighteen months ago. . . .

The structural condition of Divisions 26 and 27 is less secure than that of the Western Wing of Division 25, as their walls are, in places, out of plumb to a greater extent than those in Division 25. Further, the walls of Division 27 cannot be supported by external raking shores as both walls lean inwards; on the other hand the Eastern wall of Division 26 could be so supported as this wall leans outwards.

The provision of temporary supports to walls which lean inwards involves the erection of internal struts and ties which are difficult to erect, and, apart from their unsightliness, may require to be erected at a height which would not be suitable in places occupied by mental patients. A more suitable form of support would, in my view, be the erection of heavy internal cross-walls to which the external walls would be tied by means of steel plates; these walls might require to be erected at comparatively close intervals, with the result that the Day-rooms and Dormitories would be divided into small compartments"

It will be observed from the foregoing extracts from the several reports that the general condition of the building is such that, short of virtual re-building, there is no reasonable method of stabilising the structure in its present state, as a three storey building.

I have re-examined the question of providing new buttresses and tie-walls and have rejected the proposal on account of (a) the excessive depth of foundation required (about 7' 0''); (b) the loose and decayed nature of the walls, and (c) the unsatisfactory appearance of such buttresses and tie-walls.

Since the building was evacuated, its structural condition has been kept under observation, principally by the taking of measurements on the internal plumb lines, two of which were erected in each Wing: these plumb lines consist of steel wires fixed at ceiling level of the top floors extending to ground floor level, where they are heavily weighted. The fact that slight differences in measurement have been recorded in some locations, is clear evidence that the tendency of the walls to lean is

continuing; further evidence of deterioration is to be found in cracks which have opened past the points at which they were marked some months ago.

On referring to Drawing No. GMH/NDU/658/3 it will be noticed, in some locations, that the internal and external readings of the plumbed measurements reveal some extraordinary conditions; for instance, in the Western Wing of Division 25, where the external surface of the wall leans inwards $10\frac{1}{4}$ "', the corresponding internal surface leans inwards only $5\frac{1}{4}$ "; again, in Division 26 where the external surface leans outwards 2", the corresponding internal surface leans outwards 5".

Having carefully considered all of the factors arising from the several examinations, it is my opinion that to put the building into a secure and habitable condition as a *Three-storey* structure, would require the re-building of the external walls in the following locations:—

DIVISION 25

Western Wing—Re-building of North and South walls from ground level.

Eastern Wing—Re-building of North and South walls from first floor level.

Central Portion—Re-building of South wall from (Clock Tower) ground level.

DIVISION 26—Re-building of practically all of the East wall from ground level. Re-building of West wall from first floor level.

DIVISION 27—Re-building of practically all of the West wall from ground level. Re-building of half of the wall from first floor level.

The re-building of external walls is not usually an unduly costly or difficult operation, at least in the case of the 19th century three-storey brick buildings in Dublin. In such instances the upper portion of the wall is usually bulged outwards and the parapets lean inwards. The former condition is generally found when the floor joists run parallel to the external wall and therefore do not afford a tie across the building. The latter condition is caused by the thrust of the roof, due to either decay of the timbers or disintegration of the nails securing the timbers together, thus causing the roof to spread. In all cases, even where the floor joists are built into the wall, it will be found that when the defective portion of the wall is taken down and the new walling built up, that the supporting ends of the floor and roof timbers can be readily built into the new work.

In the case of the North Dublin Union buildings, the various Wings, with one exception, are actually leaning over, with the result that re-building of the external walls, even in short stretches, would be a very costly operation, as it would involve the removal of many of the roofs and floors.

The necessity for such removals will be appreciated in referring to Drawing GMH/NDU/4582 which illustrates, in two locations in Division 25, the position of new walls in relation to the supporting ends of the roof trusses and floor joists as they exist. It will be noticed, in the case of these walls which lean inwards, that the joist and truss ends would have inadequate support were new walls built up. On the other hand, the opposite would apply where the walls lean outwards; a further complication

arises from the fact that the upper walls generally, are not in line horizontally.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the re-construction of the building in its present form would involve virtual re-building of the entire structure, and it would not therefore, in my opinion, be an economical proposition in view of the cost involved.

For the purpose of comparison only, I set out hereunder the approximate "all-in" costs of three schemes:—

Scheme A—Demolition of the entire building to ground level and erection of a similarly planned new Three-storey structure on the old foundations.

Scheme B—Demolition of the entire structure to ground level and erection of a similarly planned new Two-storey structure on the old foundations.

Scheme C—Removal of the top storey from the entire building and reconstruction of the remaining two floors.

SCHEME A

GENERAL ACCOMMODATION

Ground Floor

	Floor Area (Nett sq. feet)
Dayrooms —	4,620
Dining rooms —	4,800
Servery & Wash-up —	700
O.T. Department —	1,900
	12,020

First Floor

Dormitories (Div. 25)	4,200
" (" 26)	1,900
" (" 27)	2,390
	8,490

(120 Patients' beds; 6 Nurses' bedrooms)

Second Floor

Dormitories (Div. 25)	4,200
" (" 26)	1,900
" (" 27)	2,390
	8,490

(120 Patients' beds; 6 Nurses' bedrooms)

Total—Patients' beds	—	240
Nurses' bedrooms	—	12

SCHEME A

	£	s.	d.
<i>Estimated Cost</i>			
Demolition (769,000 cu. ft.)	—	6,000	0 0
Siteworks	—	5,000	0 0
Building (736,000 cu. ft.)	—	140,000	0 0
Mechanical & Electrical Services	—	24,000	0 0
Contingencies, Fees, Clerk of Works,			
Loan Charges and Advertising	—	20,000	0 0
		£195,000	0 0

The foregoing scheme envisages the retention of the Occupational Therapy department in its present location

on the ground floor of Division 25, and the removal of the existing part-timber constructed Dining annexe; the latter to permit of direct access to the rear of Division 26.

The above cost of Scheme A is compared with the "all-in" cost of the two New Units at St. Ita's and the reconstruction of the former No. 4 Division at St. Brendan's, as follows:—

	Beds	Cost			Cost per bed		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
New Units —	252	189,063	4	7	750	0	0
No. 4 Division —	96	48,825	3	7	510	0	0
N.D.U. Building	240	195,000	0	0	805	0	0

As an alternative to Scheme A, I set out hereunder an approximate "all-in" cost of demolishing the building to ground level and erecting a similarly planned new *Two-storey* structure on the old foundations:—

SCHEME B

GENERAL ACCOMMODATION

Ground Floor

	Floor Area (Nett sq. feet)
Dayrooms —	3,710
Dining rooms —	1,400
Servery & Wash-up —	600
O.T. Department —	1,900
Dormitory (Div. 25)	2,100
	9,710

(30 Patients' beds)

First Floor

Dormitories (Div. 25)	4,200
" (" 26)	1,900
" (" 27)	2,390
	8,490

(120 Patients' beds: 6 Nurses' bedrooms)

Total—Patients' beds	—	—	150
Nurses' bedrooms	—	—	6

SCHEME B

Estimated Cost

	£	s.	d.
Demolition (765,000 cu. ft.)	6,000	0	0
Siteworks	5,000	0	0
Building (528,000 cu. ft.)	99,000	0	0
Mechanical & Electrical Services	17,000	0	0
Contingencies, Fees, Clerk of Works, Loan Charges and Advertising	14,000	0	0
	£141,000	0	0

The above cost of Scheme B is compared with the "all-in" cost of Scheme A, as follows:—

	Beds	Cost			Cost per bed		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Scheme A	240	195,000	0	0	805	0	0
Scheme B	150	141,000	0	0	927	0	0

As an alternative to Scheme B, I set out hereunder the approximate cost of removing the top storey from the

entire building, re-building those of the walls which are not secure, and re-roofing at the lower level, re-using the existing timbers to the greatest extent.

SCHEME C

GENERAL ACCOMMODATION

Ground Floor

	Floor Area (Nett sq. feet)
Dayrooms —	3,710
Dining rooms —	1,400
Servery & Wash-up —	600
O.T. Department —	1,900
Dormitory —	2,100
	9,710
(30 Patients' beds)	

First Floor

Dormitories (Div. 25)	4,200
" (" 26)	1,900
" (" 27)	2,390
	8,490

(120 Patients' beds; 6 Nurses' bedrooms)

Total—Patients' beds —	150
Nurses' bedrooms —	6

SCHEME C

Estimated Cost

	£	s.	d.
Demolition of West Wing (Div. 25) and removal of Top Storey from remainder of building — — —	4,000	0	0
Siteworks — — —	2,000	0	0
Re-building West Wing — —	21,000	0	0
Re-building defective walling, new concrete bands, re-erecting roofs, internal and external repairs and building new Servery and Wash-up — —	32,000	0	0
Mechanical and Electrical Services —	5,000	0	0
Contingencies, Fees, Clerk of Works, Loan Charges and Advertising —	9,000	0	0
	£73,000	0	0

The above cost of Scheme C is compared with the "all-in" cost of Scheme B as follows:—

	Beds	Cost			Cost per bed		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Scheme B — 150	150	141,000	0	0	927	0	0
Scheme C — 150	150	73,000	0	0	485	0	0

The foregoing costs are based on a cost per cubic foot basis calculated from the draft survey plans. It will be appreciated, therefore, that the costs cannot be considered as accurate, either way, in the absence of sketch plans based on agreed accommodation, construction and finish.

In the case of Scheme C, the amount of re-building of walls and repairs would largely depend upon the condition of the fabric after removal of the top storey, as such removal may have a weakening effect on the lower walls, thus necessitating a greater amount of renewal; likewise the necessity for replacement of existing flooring, windows and doors, which at present are in fair condition, would depend on the life expectancy of the building after re-construction. For instance, if the accommodation is required for say, 20-30 years, a greater expenditure would be involved than if the accommodation were required for 10-15 years.

Scheme C provides for the re-building from ground level, of the West Wing of Division 25 as its walls are in a dangerous condition (the northern wall is temporarily supported by timber shoring). The re-building of this Wing, if the general character of the building is to be maintained and existing timbers, etc., re-used, will necessitate the provision of new walls of an excessive thickness, if built in concrete blockwork.

The re-building or facing of the external walls in stonework to match the existing is not recommended, not only in view of the extra cost which would be incurred, but also for the fact that the remaining external surfaces of the building would, in any event, require to be plastered in order to avoid further decay of the stonework.

All the foregoing schemes include for the provision of a new structure attached to the Western side of Division 27 which would provide accommodation for the reception and service of food from the Main Kitchen and facilities

for the washing and storage of crockery. Also included is the building up of the access archway to the Courtyard in Division 27 and the provision of alternative access at the end of Division 26.

The cost per Patient's bed in Scheme C at £485 cannot fairly be compared with that of Division 4, which cost £510 per bed, as the latter was virtually a new structure, even though the greater portion was built off the original foundation walls. The comparison is, however, more favourable to the North Dublin Union buildings when consideration is taken into account that the gross area per bed is 212 square feet, whereas in Division 4, the equivalent area is 152.8 sq. ft. The greater wall thickness, however, of the old buildings would reduce the area of internal floor space to a greater extent than would be the case in a modern building.

As I have previously pointed out the three schemes are submitted so that a comparison in cost may be made. It is not suggested, for instance, that the building should be demolished and replaced by an identical structure, as is provided for in Schemes A and B. It obviously would be preferable to clear the site and build a new structure, planned and constructed to suit present day mental treatment. Scheme A, therefore, is submitted solely for the purpose of illustrating the cost of replacing the building, not only because its condition precludes reconstruction as a three-storey structure, but also for the fact that no scheme of replacement is at present contemplated, and in consequence, plans for such a replacement have not been prepared.

The submission of Scheme B is for the purpose of illustrating the cost of a similar new building in comparison with the cost of a reconstruction of the existing building.

Yours faithfully,

VINCENT KELLY.

After discussion of the Architect's report, it was proposed by Mr. Thomas O'Reilly and seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge:—

"That the Committee recommends that the buildings formerly occupied by Divisions 25, 26 and 27 be demolished and that a report on the future use of the site be submitted." *Passed unanimously.*

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

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Chairman.

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*Report No. 380**28th April, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Dublin, on the 28th day of April, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, W. J. Colman, P.C., R. Ellis, Miss M. C. Ennis, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

Councillor John Berry was also in attendance.

**REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER,
ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL***28th April, 1960.***1. MILK PRODUCTION**

Since the date of my last report milk production was well maintained. Full supplies were available for both hospitals and there was an average surplus of 126 gallons daily over the month, which is being sold to Messrs. Merville Dairy Ltd., Finglas. During the month of March 2,880 gallons of milk were sold, 1,792 gallons at 2s. 8d. and 1,088 gallons at 1s. 8½d. per gallon, realising

£331 17s. 4d. As we are over-stocked at present, 11 cows were sold, 10 were freshly calved cows, being sold for £665 0s. 0d. and the other animal was a springer, being sold for £87 0s. 0d., at an average price of £68 7s. 0d. each.

The present daily production from 252 milking cows is 727 gallons, or 2.88 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of last month:—

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 7 gallons	1	1
6 to 7 gallons	5	3
5 to 6 gallons	9	13
4 to 5 gallons	52	47
3 to 4 gallons	71	60
2 to 3 gallons	63	70
1 to 2 gallons	32	49
Under 1 gallon	19	19
Total	252	262

2. SALES OF LIVESTOCK DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH

Thirty-five calves were sold at the following prices: 4 at £17, 5 at £16, 3 at £14, 2 at £13 10s., 3 at £13, 5 at £12, 5 at £11, and 8 at £10; total £451 0s. 0d.

Ten bonhams were sold at the following prices: 4 at £6 5s. 0d., 5 at £5 10s. and 1 for £5; total £57 10s. 0d. Forty-six store pigs were sold at the following prices: 16 at £7 15s. 0d. and 30 at £7 7s. 6d.; total £345 5s. 0d.

Fifty-four store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced as follows: 24 at £8 10s. 0d., 18 at £8 and 12 at £7 15s. 0d.; total £441 0s. 0d.

3. MASTITIS

The mastitis position in the herd continues to be satisfactory. A few cows developed mastitis during the month but they responded to treatment.

4. T.B. TEST

One dry and in-calf cow which was a doubtful reactor from the November six-monthly T.B. test and was also a doubtful reactor when re-tested after two months, was again tested recently but failed to pass the test. It will be necessary to remove this animal from the herd when she calves down, as the herd cannot become accredited until all reactors have been disposed of. This is the first reactor we have had in the herd since May, 1958.

5. GRASS

All the stock are now out on grass day and night. Supplies of grass are barely sufficient to maintain the stock and it was not found possible to reserve any fields for hay or silage. Pastures are proving slow to recover after grazing. Almost all the pastures have now received a basic dressing of artificials. It was necessary to purchase a further few loads of hay early in the month as grass supplies were rather scarce due to the very severe weather.

6. CROPS

Owing to the very wet spring, the sowing of the crops will be later than last year.

The sowing of the spring wheat—66 acres—was completed on the 19th instant. Last year the sowing of the grain crops was completed on the 9th April. 29 acres of barley have been sown, leaving a further 6 acres still to be sown.

This year it is intended to plant 69 acres of potatoes, of which 34 acres have already been planted. Last year, when we had 107 acres of potatoes, the crop was planted by the 8th May.

Approximately 25 acres of grass-seeds have been sown, of which 13 acres were undersown with the winter wheat and 12 acres have been sown direct.

7. SANTRY COURT

Two loads of hay were purchased for this farm for the yearling heifers but as all the stock are now out day and night from the 23rd instant, it will not be necessary to purchase any further supplies of hay. The pastures here did not receive a dressing of artificials this year because of the intended sale of this farm; consequently, grass supplies are not as good as they would normally be.

The present stock on this farm consists of 1 horse, 2 dry cows, 42 yearling heifers, 82 two-year-old heifers and 1 bull.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted. Agricultural Manager to report in detail as to position regarding Santry Court.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

28th April, 1960.

1. Winter Crops: With the exception of 1 acre broccoli, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of leeks and 8 tons swede turnips, the supply of all winter vegetables and roots is now exhausted.

The first cutting of young spring cabbage commenced this week, and, with the present supply of broccoli and turnips, I have no fear of any scarcity occurring during the next three months.

2. Autumn Onions: This crop is making good progress and I am at the moment supplying scallions to the kitchens.

3. Tillage and Sowings: Since my last report, 10 acres of ground have been tilled and prepared for crops; of this, 5 acres of onion sets, $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres parsnips and 1 acre of carrots have been sown.

4. Kitchen Gardens and Grounds: Sowings of peas, beans, lettuce, turnips, parsley and flower seeds have been made; potting on indoor chrysanthemums, geraniums, planting tomatoes and spraying fruit trees. All lawns and grass plots have been mowed and flower beds freshened up. 500 tomato plants were delivered to Santry Gardens for planting in tomato houses.

ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

5. 2 acres of ground have been prepared and the following crops sown: onion sets, peas, beans, parsley and lettuce. All grounds and flower beds are in good order.

6. I visit Santry Gardens and St. Loman's once a week to supervise and instruct in the work being carried out.

A. WOLOHAN,
Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's Farms and Gardens during the ensuing period to 26th May, 1960, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor W. J. Colman.

Councillor R. Ellis.

Councillor Miss M. C. Ennis.

It was agreed that Councillor John Berry could accompany members on their inspection.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

Report No. 101

1st Jan. 1911

Cambridgeport Mental Hospital

Annual Report

The Cambridgeport Mental Hospital, located on the corner of Cambridgeport and Cambridge Streets, was opened for the reception of patients on the 1st of January, 1901. It is situated on a site of about 10 acres, and is surrounded by a high wall.

The hospital is a large building, and is divided into several wards.

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Report No. 381

19th May, 1960.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board****BOARD MEETING**

The monthly meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, the 19th day of May, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives: Councillors John Berry, Lorcan Bourke, Roland Burgess, P.C., Mrs. Catherine Byrne, William J. Colman, P.C., Robert Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Senator James J. O'Keeffe, P.C., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey, Miss Mary B. Andrews and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillor Thomas Stafford and Mr. Roland Roulston.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 378 dated 21st April, 1960) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 30th April, 1960, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 31/3/60 — —	1,865	1,897	3,762
Admitted during month — — —	59	96	155
	1,924	1,993	3,917

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged during month 53 73 126			
Died during month — 7 10 17			
Escaped during month — 1 — 1			
	61	83	144

Remaining on Hospital Register — —	1,863	1,910	3,773
Absent on trial and escape — —	43	66	109
Remaining in residence — — —	1,820	1,844	3,664

DISTRIBUTION

	Males	Females	Total
In St. Brendan's — — —	859	971	1,830
In St. Ita's — — —	961	873	1,834
Total number resident as above	1,820	1,844	3,664

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin — — —	2,781	75.9%
County Dublin — — —	492	13.4%
County Wicklow — — —	331	9.0%
Criminal Lunatics — — —	43	1.2%
Non-district patients — — —	17	.5%
Total — — —	3,664	100.0%

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge seconded the adoption of Report No. 379 of the meeting of the Building Committee held on the 26th April, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Councillor W. J. Colman proposed and Mr. John Smithers seconded the adoption of Report No. 380 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 28th April, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

Arising out of the Minutes of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee a discussion took place regarding the proposed disposal of Santry Court. The Manager informed the meeting that he understood that the County Council would be in a position to inform the Board within the next few days of the position in regard to the drainage facilities which would be available, and that it was then proposed to arrange to dispose of the property by public auction. After an auction had taken place the matter would come before the Board in compliance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act, 1946.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

5th May, 1960.

1. We visited St. Brendan's Hospital on Thursday, 5th May, 1960, and visiting the women's divisions Nos. 11, 14, 17 and 18, we noticed the high standard of cleanliness and tidiness of the hallways leading to the wards, and the wards themselves, reflecting great credit on the staff.

2. Some of the older patients were in bed and we noticed the cleanliness of the beds and the bed linen. Some of the wards had very nice curtains on the windows and new rugs on the floors, and a selection of tulips in vases on tables which were placed on centre of the floors. There was a very good selection of pictures hung on the walls, some of which we were informed were made in the hospital under the direction of Mr. Curran. These refinements help to remove that institutional look of the wards, and assist towards the restoration of the patients, or at least some of them, back to normal health again.

3. In one small ward we noticed some cracks in the ceiling which we consider rather dangerous to the patients sleeping there and the staff who are looking after them and we suggest that it would be advisable to have same repaired as soon as possible.

4. During our inspection of the dining halls, we saw patients at dinner. The majority of them were served with meat and vegetables, both of which appeared to be nicely cooked, while others who were served with fish got a good helping. It was also well cooked and seasoned. All the dinners were served out in a very nice warm condition, as was also a rice pudding for sweet.

5. In No. 17 division we noticed a new food trolley in one corner of the dining hall. Access for this trolley was made possible by the laying down of a new concrete ramp of 6 or 7 yards in length, whereby the staff were able to take the food from the kitchen in a nice warm condition and serve it out to the patients. Previously they had to remove it from the trolley at the bottom of several steps leading from an adjoining hallway to the diningroom.

6. On visiting the kitchen we found the cookers and

potato steamers, to be kept in a very clean condition, as were also the kitchen floor and passages leading from the kitchen.

7. We did, however, notice outside the kitchen that some of the bins containing offal were broken and flies were attracted to them owing to the warm weather. As this might prove dangerous to the health of the staff and patients, we recommend that this matter should be attended to without delay.

8. On inspection of the laundry we saw a number of articles of linen such as bed sheets, aprons, etc., being ironed, and we considered that this work was being carried out as well as any outside laundry would do it, and the staff in charge of the laundry seem to be very capable indeed.

9. In Nos. 1 and 3 Male Divisions we saw and appreciated the extent of overcrowding in the hospital. Our visit coincided with the weekly baths for patients. It was a very warm and sunny day and we found all patients inside. On enquiry we were given to understand that because there is not sufficient staff, it was not possible to allow patients who already had their bath out for recreation in the grounds. It should be possible to arrange matters to avoid this happening and we suggest that the matter be examined to see what can be done to enable patients to enjoy their recreation instead of having them all to wait until bathing was completed.

10. We visited the laboratory and saw important examinations being carried out. We found it and other rooms adjoining very well kept.

We wish to thank Miss Murphy, Acting Matron; Miss

Woods, Assistant Matron, and Mr. McAllister, who were with us in the course of our visit, for their kind co-operation.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

MARY ANDREWS.

JOHN BERRY.

ROLAND BURGESS.

Order—Refer to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION. ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

12th May, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Thursday, 12th May. In the bakery where the ovens were being prepared for supplies of bread for the following day, we noticed that new toilets and wash-hand basins had been installed for the use of the staff. The passage leading to the toilets is, however, in need of repair as the surface is cracked in several places.

2. In the main kitchen we saw dinner being prepared for patients. The exclusive use of Castlecomer anthracite for the range here could be considered instead of imported fuel. The meal being prepared consisted of soup and roast beef for some patients, boiled mutton, stew, cabbage and potatoes, with sweet.

3. We visited No. 7—a T.B. ward—and noticed that it is in need of re-decoration. We trust that this work will be undertaken in the current year's painting programme.

4. We saw patients being served with dinner in the main dining hall. All appeared to be enjoying the meal

and we did not receive any complaints. We noticed that plastic mugs were being used instead of delph.

5. We went to No. 5 division (female) and saw patients working at embroidery, while others were engaged in rug making, crochet work, basket making and knitting. The nurse in charge, Miss McDonald, who has had no specialised training in occupational therapy, is to be congratulated on the results being achieved. The rooms presented a very clean and tidy appearance and were enhanced by a nice arrangement of flowers and curtains which gave them a homely atmosphere. In this division we saw patients enjoying a television programme.

6. We saw the breadroom where food was being prepared for the evening meal. This was clean and tidy and we noticed that care was being taken to protect the cut bread by packing it in covered trays.

7. We saw the newly-converted canteen—work on which had just been completed. We would like to congratulate those responsible for it. The pleasing contrast of colour used in decoration and the choice of furniture and other fittings reflects credit on those responsible for it. We understand that already it is being well patronised and its service is appreciated by both patients and their visitors.

8. Work was in progress when we visited the laundry where some thirty patients and members of the staff are engaged in their varied tasks. The equipment, which is of the most modern kind, is in first class working order. We were shown a new preparation for washing woollens and heavy tweeds—a powder known as "San Sapan"—which is very successful.

9. Throughout our visit we were impressed by the high standard of cleanliness and tidiness. The corridors and wards were spotlessly clean.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird, R.M.S., and Miss Gildea, Matron, who accompanied us in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
GILBERT HUGHES.
CECELIA R. KEEBLE.
ANTHONY LALOR.

Order—Refer to Manager.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

20th April, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Wednesday, April 20th. We first visited the laundry and we were pleased with the scheme of decoration carried out here. The contrasting colours of paint used adds considerably to this important unit of the hospital.

2. The splitting up of the large single wards into two units, in divisions 1 and 2, is a marked improvement and we were glad to learn that where it is practicable this will be done throughout the hospital.

3. In the dining hall we saw patients at dinner. All were enjoying an appetising meal and we were struck by the efficient way in which the meal was distributed to patients.

4. We went through Nos. 6 and 7 (female) wards where many patients were confined to bed. All seemed to

be very well cared for and the wards presented a very clean and tidy appearance.

5. We visited the temporary buildings including No. 11 Female and 8 Male. We suggest that steps be taken to carry out external decoration and repair of these buildings as they present a very drab appearance. Inside we found them to be in a reasonable state of decoration and repair. A good job has been made of the unit which accommodates many patients suffering from tuberculosis by the provision of glass panels dividing up the large wards.

6. Workmen were engaged on the task of converting the large diningroom off the main hall to be used as a new canteen, which we were assured would be in use when the furniture on order was delivered. The shop servicing the canteen needs new shelving and lighting to bring it up to modern standards. The whole question of the canteen should be reviewed. It is in charge of a lady who is rendering a most important service to the hospital with no assistance. There is an opportunity here for improvement with resultant benefit to the hospital.

7. In the course of our visit we talked with many patients and we did not receive any complaints. The installation of television sets in the various wards has been welcomed and appreciated by patients who spend most nights viewing the programmes.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird, R.M.S.; Dr. Hegarty and Dr. Meenan, who were with us in the course of our visit. Councillor Ellis, who was unable to be with us, sent an apology.

EUGENE TIMMONS.
MARY C. ENNIS.
LIAM GAYNOR.

Order—Refer to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the ensuing period to the 16th June, 1960, date of the next meeting of the Board:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

- Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
- Councillor Mrs. Catherine Byrne.
- Councillor W. J. Colman.
- Councillor R. Ellis.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

- Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
- Councillor Denis Larkin.
- Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.
- Councillor Mrs. M. Mulvey.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

12th May, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's Hospitals on the 30th ultimo 3,664 patients, viz.:—

	Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital —	859	971	1,830
St. Ita's Hospital —	961	873	1,834
as compared with:	1,820	1,844	3,664
30th April, 1959 —	1,782	1,861	3,643
30th April, 1958 —	1,751	2,020	3,771
30th April, 1957 —	1,740	2,043	3,783
30th April, 1956 —	1,729	2,046	3,775

this year's number being 21 more than on the corre-

sponding date last year and 111 less than on the corresponding date in 1956.

2. During the month of April the totals of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows:—

	Admitted	Discharged
Chargeable Patients:		
Voluntary — — —	51	55
Temporary — — —	84	75
Persons of Unsound Mind —	16	14
Private Patients:		
Voluntary — — —	1	—
Admitted for Special Treatment:		
Persons of Unsound Mind —	3	—
	155	144

3. The general condition of the Board's Hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient J. McK. (60262), St. Brendan's Hospital, failed to return off pass on the 17th ultimo. He was found at his home and was brought back to hospital by an escort of nurses on the 18th ultimo.

Male patient G. O'D. (16406) failed to return from unaccompanied pass on the 18th ultimo to St. Brendan's. On the 25th ultimo he phoned the hospital from Dublin Airport and indicated that he wished to return to hospital. The patient, who had been in Manchester, was brought back to hospital by an escort of male nurses.

Male patient M. G. (16156), St. Brendan's Hospital, failed to return to Ward 4 at bedtime on the 27th ultimo. On the 3rd instant he was brought back to the hospital from Mountjoy Gardai Station by an escort of nurses.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. Male patient P. T. (15885), who worked on the farm at St. Ita's Hospital, escaped from No. 10 open ward on the 11th ultimo. He was located at the Mendicity Institute and was brought back to St. Brendan's Hospital by an escort of nurses on the 28th ultimo.

Male patient L. B. (16114), St. Ita's Hospital, escaped from the grounds on the 12th ultimo. He was found at his home and was brought back to hospital on the 13th ultimo.

Male patient R. T. (15936) escaped from the grounds of No. 5 Division on the 25th ultimo. He was brought back to hospital on the following morning by two male nurses.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Male patient P. A. (60/197) sustained a fall in the day-room of Ward 10 on the 14th ultimo and suffered an abrasion to the bridge of the nose.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Male patient W. P. (41862), aged 63 years, on the 14th ultimo, fell in a weakness in No. 8 Division and sustained a fracture of the left forearm.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident, which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

One accident which did not cause incapacity to a member of the nursing staff was reported.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Nurse A. O'K. has been off duty since the 18th ultimo with an injury to her back sustained when she was pulled to the ground by a patient on the 16th ultimo.

Temporary domestic worker S. E. has been off duty since the 19th ultimo with a colles fracture of the left wrist sustained when she slipped and fell while on duty in the General Dining Hall.

Temporary domestic worker M. I. has been off duty since the 29th ultimo with a strained wrist sustained when lifting a table in the Male Nurses' Dining Hall on the 28th ultimo.

Attendant M. L. was off duty from the 10th to the 17th

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5. Male patient P. T. (15885), who worked on the farm at St. Ita's Hospital, escaped from No. 10 open ward on the 11th ultimo. He was located at the Mendicity Institute and was brought back to St. Brendan's Hospital by an escort of nurses on the 28th ultimo.

Male patient L. B. (16114), St. Ita's Hospital, escaped from the grounds on the 12th ultimo. He was found at his home and was brought back to hospital on the 13th ultimo.

Male patient R. T. (15936) escaped from the grounds of No. 5 Division on the 25th ultimo. He was brought back to hospital on the following morning by two male nurses.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS. ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Male patient P. A. (60/197) sustained a fall in the day-room of Ward 10 on the 14th ultimo and suffered an abrasion to the bridge of the nose.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Male patient W. P. (41862), aged 63 years, on the 14th ultimo, fell in a weakness in No. 8 Division and sustained a fracture of the left forearm.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident, which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

One accident which did not cause incapacity to a member of the nursing staff was reported.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Nurse A. O'K. has been off duty since the 18th ultimo with an injury to her back sustained when she was pulled to the ground by a patient on the 16th ultimo.

Temporary domestic worker S. E. has been off duty since the 19th ultimo with a colles fracture of the left wrist sustained when she slipped and fell while on duty in the General Dining Hall.

Temporary domestic worker M. I. has been off duty since the 29th ultimo with a strained wrist sustained when lifting a table in the Male Nurses' Dining Hall on the 28th ultimo.

Attendant M. L. was off duty from the 10th to the 17th

ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to his right arm sustained when playing football on the 7th ultimo.

Temporary domestic J. McG. was off duty from the 15th to the 18th ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to her left ankle sustained while off duty.

A number of other accidents which did not cause incapacity to members of the staff were reported.

10. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have accepted the tenders submitted by Northern Fertilisers Ltd., Dundalk, for the supply of nitro lime at £14 17s. 0d. a ton. Seven tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

11. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, I have accepted the tender submitted by Messrs. Keenan Bros., Muine Bheag, for the supply of a steel-framed shed, sheeted in galvanised steel, for the sum of £230. Five specialist firms were invited to tender and two tenders were received. The shed will be used for the storage of garden implements.

12. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer I have accepted a quotation of £1,310 6s. 8d. submitted by the Dublin County Council for the re-surfacing of the main avenues and farm roads at St. Ita's Hospital. Provision for this work was made in the Estimate for the current financial year.

13. On the recommendation of the Agricultural Manager I have granted permission to the Irish Farmers' Journal Ltd. to hold a demonstration of silage making machinery on the Board's Farm at Turvey early next month.

14. The Minister for Health has made an Order declaring the offices of Matron, Deputy Matron, Head Nurse

(Male) and Deputy Head Nurse (Male) to be offices to which the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, applies. The effect of this Order is that all future appointments to these offices will be made on the recommendation of the Local Appointments Commissioners.

15. I have received a report from the Clerk of Works on the condition of the four Lancashire steam boilers in the Female House at St. Brendan's Hospital. In view of the reduced efficiency of the boilers, which were made in 1904 and 1909, the Clerk of Works has recommended that a complete survey of the boilerhouse be carried out with a view to ascertaining whether it would be more advisable to replace the boilers or to carry out major modifications to the existing plant.

With the consent of the Minister for Health I have engaged Mr. Sean Mulcahy, M.E., A.M.I.C.E.I., as Consulting Engineer, to carry out a survey of the boilers and furnish a report on the position.

E. O'CAOIMH.

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

19th May, 1960.

16. I desire to refer to the Board's resolution at its meeting on the 24th March, 1960, approving of a proposal to grant salary increases to officers at the same rate as had been allowed by the State to Civil Servants. That proposal was subsequently sanctioned and put into effect. In my report on that proposal, it was pointed out that in view of the complicated salary structures arising out of the various increases, which have been given by way of tem-

porary allowance or temporary bonus since 1948, it was intended, as far as possible, to adopt consolidated salaries based in each case on existing remuneration as adjusted by the increases then proposed. That also has been done.

The report pointed out that it was proposed to remove the limitation imposed in the case of senior officers, in connection with the cost-of-living increase granted in 1958. A limitation had also been imposed in connection with previous cost-of-living allowances granted to senior officers. There has been a partial removal of this limitation as it applied to Civil Servants, with effect from the 1st April, 1958, and in accordance with the customary practice of the Board, it is proposed to maintain parity with the Civil Service by applying the same partial removal of the limitation as it is applied to the Board's officials concerned, with effect from the same date. This proposal would have the effect of increasing by 6% that portion of the inclusive remuneration (excluding 1958 and 1959 increases) which exceeds £1,240 a year. The cost of implementing this proposal would be £270 in a full year and, having regard to its retrospective effect, £810 in the year 1960-61.

The consent of the Board is requested to:—

- (a) the submission of the foregoing proposal for the sanction of the Minister for Health, and
- (b) the incurring of additional expenditure in the year 1960-61 amounting to £810.

17. In my report of the 18th February, 1960, I informed the Board of a proposal to provide accommodation in a Geriatric Unit to be set up in St. Mary's Chest Hospital for about 150 patients discharged on trial from St. Brendan's Hospital. The consent of the Minister for Health has now been obtained to the proposal and to date

a total of 125 male patients have been admitted to the Geriatric Unit. This number includes 21 voluntary patients who have been discharged. The remainder of the patients have been discharged on trial.

18. Notification has been received from the Department of Health that the Minister proposes that the 1st July, 1960, should be the date of the establishment of the Dublin Health Authority. The Minister proposes that the 1st July next shall be the date for the vesting under Section 22 of the Health Authority Act, 1960, in Health Authorities of the duty of providing mental hospital assistance.

E. O'CAOIMH,
Assistant City Manager.

Order made thereon:—

Paragraph 16: Councillor Denis Larkin, T.D., proposed and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded: "That the Board consents to the proposed increases in remuneration outlined in the Manager's report and to the submission of the proposal for the sanction of the Minister for Health, and authorises the expenditure of £810 in excess of the amount provided in the estimate for the current financial year."

Passed unanimously.

Councillor Gilbert Hughes drew attention to an article regarding conditions in mental hospitals which had appeared in a recent issue of the *Sunday Press*. The Board expressed its disapproval of the article in question.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.
JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 382**26th May, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, the 26th day of May, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, W. J. Colman, P.C., Joseph Dignam, P.C., Miss M. C. Ennis, R. Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

**REPORT OF ACTING AGRICULTURAL
MANAGER***26th May, 1960.***1. MILK PRODUCTION**

Since the last report of the 28th ultimo, milk production was well-maintained. After giving both hospitals their full milk requirements—300 gallons to St. Ita's and 285 gallons to St. Brendan's—there was an average daily surplus of 120 gallons, which was sold to Messrs. Merville Dairy Ltd., Finglas. During the month of April 3,760 gallons of surplus milk was sold for £383 8s. 3d. It is expected that there will be surplus milk for some time.

The present daily production from 251 milking cows is 730 gallons, or 2.91 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of the month :

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 7 gallons — — —	2	1
6 to 7 gallons — — —	4	5
5 to 6 gallons — — —	11	9
4 to 5 gallons — — —	40	52
3 to 4 gallons — — —	74	71
2 to 3 gallons — — —	68	62
1 to 2 gallons — — —	38	32
Under 1 gallon — — —	14	19
	251	252

2. SALES OF LIVESTOCK DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

Fifteen calves were sold for £204 10s. 0d., the prices received being as follows: 2 at £22 10s., 1 for £15, 4 at £14, 2 at £13, 3 at £12, 1 for £9 and 2 at £8 15s. 0d.

Thirty-six store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced as follows: 18 at £8 and 18 at £7 15s.; total £283 10s. 0d. As reported last month, eleven cows were sold for £752.

3. MASTITIS

The mastitis position in the herd continues to be satisfactory. A few cases of clinical mastitis occurred during the month but they responded to treatment.

4. GRASS

Grass supplies have improved considerably and ample supplies are available for all stock. Some fields intended for silage have been closed off and those that require it have received a dressing of nitrogenous manures. It is hoped to commence silage-making in about a week's time.

5. CROPS

The sowing of all the crops has been completed. The sowing of the barley crop was completed on the 29th April, while the planting of the potatoes was completed on the 7th instant. All the grass-seeds have been sown; 114 acres were undersown with the corn crops and the balance, 23 acres, have been sown direct.

J. TAAFFE,

Acting Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER,
ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

26th May, 1960.

1. Crops: The area under vegetables in season at the moment is: 7 acres cabbage, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres onions, $1\frac{1}{2}$ acres rhubarb, $\frac{1}{4}$ acre lettuce, also parsley, thyme, sage and mint.

2. Young Crops: $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres onions, 2 acres parsnips, one acre carrots and $\frac{1}{2}$ acre seed beds consisting of cauliflower, cabbage, leeks and brussel sprouts. All crops are doing well.

3. Tillage and Sowings: 10 acres have been ploughed. Of this 4 acres have been tilled and prepared for cabbage plants, swede turnips and carrots.

4. Kitchen Gardens and Recreation Grounds: Fruit trees have received their second pre-blossom spray. Sowings of peas, beans, turnips, lettuce, parsley and beet were made. The work of pricking out 5,000 to 6,000 flowering annuals and potting on chrysanthemums is in progress at the moment. A new lawn has been laid out and sown with grass seed at No. 10 female; twenty acres of recreation grounds have been mown and flower beds weeded and freshened up.

ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

5. Four acres of ground have been tilled and prepared for crops. The following crops are at the moment being weeded and grubbed, viz.: beans, peas, lettuce, onions and carrots. Recreation grounds, flower beds and shrubberies are in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS & GARDENS ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

April, 1960.

1. We visited our farms and found everything in order.

At Ballymastone we saw some very nice young calves which will be a credit to our herd in years to come. The ground on this farm was in a bad way and very hard to get into fields to get crops sown. In fact all our ground was very wet and crops will be late.

2. At Turvey we looked around and saw everything in good shape.

3. At Portrane, our stock of pigs is still on the up grade and we saw some very fine young gilts. After lunch we went to the gardens and the staff were busy sowing some crops and getting ready others.

Thanking Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for their help and guidance on our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS, P.C.

T. O'REILLY.

J. SMITHERS.

R. BURGESS, P.C.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS & GARDENS. ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

10th May, 1960.

1. On arriving at Santry Court we were met by Mr. Hayes, Agricultural Manager, who took us out to view some very fine heifers, running with bull. There were 34 in this batch, all looking in very fine condition. Here we could see the advantages of the E.L. fence, the cattle being confined to strip-grazing, thus conserving the grass supplies. In the second field, on the right of the drive, we inspected thirty in-calf heifers, all in very fine condition. These heifers will be coming into our herd to take the place of old uneconomic cows now being weeded out and slaughtered at the rate of about two per week. The grass on this farm is not bad, considering the long dry spell.

2. We visited the gardens at Santry Court and were agreeably surprised at the very fine condition in which they are kept by one man. The apple trees show signs of great care and attention, and promise a good crop. The tomato houses are very well kept, most plants having second truss set. These gardens are large enough to keep at least three men fully occupied.

3. From there we went to Turvey Farm where we inspected the dairy herd, a lovely sight. Grass appeared plentiful enough at the moment but the ground is very hard and rain is badly needed.

4. Next we went to Ballymastone where we saw some grand calves. Hay is almost gone and the silage pits cleared out.

5. After lunch we went to the home farm where we saw some great litters of young pigs and two new sows, bought at the Spring Show. The dairy herd here was being washed down prior to milking. The more we see of this herd, the more we appreciate the care and attention that has been bestowed on it in order to bring it to its present state of near perfection.

6. Some men were sorting potatoes in the store. These potatoes did not keep very well and showed a considerable loss due to pink rot and dry rot.

7. We paid a short visit to the gardens where we were very much impressed at the forward state of all the crops and the efforts being made to make use of every inch of ground space, lettuces being sown between rows of beans, etc. We did not have time to traverse all the acres of onions, carrots, parsnips, cabbage, etc., mentioned by Mr. Wolohan. We could see them in the distance. From our

observations on the farm and in the gardens we are agreed that none of our patients will starve for want of meat, milk or vegetables.

8. We join in paying tribute to both Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan for the splendid condition in which farms and gardens are kept, and, through them, to the workers who do the job.

E. TIMMONS.
ROBERT ELLIS.
WILLIAM J. COLMAN.
MARY C. ENNIS.

Order—Noted.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING MEMBERS

The following were appointed to inspect the Board's farms and gardens during the ensuing period to 22nd June, 1960, date of next meeting of the Committee:—

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).
Councillor Gilbert Hughes.
Councillor Mrs. M. Ledwidge.
Mr. Anthony Lalor.

As the Local Elections will be held on the 23rd June, it was decided to hold the next meeting of the Agricultural Committee on Wednesday, 22nd June, 1960.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.
JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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Report No. 383

16th June, 1960.

**Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board****BOARD MEETING**

The Monthly Meeting of the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, on the 16th day of June, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons, P.C. (Chairman), in the Chair. The following members were also present:—

City of Dublin Representatives: Alderman Mrs. Celia Lynch, T.D., Councillors John Berry, Mrs. Catherine Byrne, James Carroll, T.D., William J. Colman, P.C., Denis Delaney, Robert Ellis, Gilbert Hughes, Mrs. Cecelia Keeble, Denis Larkin, T.D., Mrs. Kathleen Nix, P.C., James P. O'Connor, P.C., Thomas Stafford, P.C., Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Liam Gaynor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

County Dublin Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Mulvey and Miss Mary C. Ennis.

County Wicklow Representatives: Councillors Mrs. M. Ledwidge and P. McCarthy.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Councillors Miss Mary B. Andrews and Roland Burgess.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board (Report No. 381, dated 19th May, 1960) were confirmed and signed.

A return of the state of the Hospital for month ended 31st May, 1960, was submitted as follows:—

	Males	Females	Total
On Hospital Register at 30/4/'60	1,863	1,910	3,773
Admitted during month	86	95	181
	1,949	2,005	3,954

	Males	Females	Total
Discharged during month	79	73	152
Died during month	8	9	17
Escaped during month	—	—	—
	87	82	169

Remaining on Hospital Register	1,862	1,923	3,785
Absent on trial and escape	170	65	235
Remaining in residence	1,692	1,858	3,550

DISTRIBUTION

In St. Brendan's	750	977	1,727
In St. Ita's	942	881	1,823
Total number resident as above	1,692	1,858	3,550

CHARGEABILITY

City of Dublin	2,671	75.3%
County Dublin	487	13.7%
County Wicklow	331	9.3%
Criminal Lunatics	43	1.2%
Non-district patients	18	0.5%
Total	3,550	100.0%

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Gilbert Hughes seconded the adoption of Report No. 382 of the meeting of the Agricultural Committee held on the 26th May, 1960. *Passed unanimously.*

REPORT OF INSPECTION,

ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

23rd May, 1960.

1. An inspection was carried out at the hospital on Monday, 23rd May.

We visited the workshops to see patients with Therapy instructors. All seemed interested and happy in their work, which was of a varied type. The work was being done quietly and efficiently.

We were interested in the making of dolls' houses and furniture, the making of wicker baskets, picture framing and rug making.

2. On leaving the Therapy section, we looked into the pharmacy. The stock was good; there seemed to be ample supplies of nearly everything.

The pharmacist seems to be kept very busy and at times seemed to have a great deal to do.

3. No. 5 Male Hospital is much less crowded since some of the patients went to St. Mary's Chest Hospital.

All the patients here were comfortable and very clean and were finishing lunch as we went through the ward.

It was heartening to see some patients able to sit before a fine bright fire.

It was interesting to watch the nurse giving out the various prescribed medicines.

Passing along the corridor we noted the fine statue of St. Anthony in a well-made case.

4. The walls of No. 2 Ward still show signs of dampness. We trust all that can be done to eradicate this will be done.

All the corridors and doors look very bright and cheerful with the many colours of paint although some of the colours do not blend. We agreed it was better to have colours that "clash" rather than no paint at all.

5. Ward No. 8 Day Room is in need of re-decoration. It compares very badly with the freshly-painted corridors.

6. During our whole inspection we were struck with the quietness which prevails over the hospital and feel the new type drugs are being used to advantage.

We received no complaints but several patients told us how well they were looked after and how kind the nurses were to them.

We wish to thank Doctors Knott and O'Sullivan for their courtesy and kindness in accompanying us throughout the inspection.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

WILLIAM COLMAN.

CATHERINE BYRNE.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

24th May, 1960.

1. We visited St. Ita's Hospital on Tuesday, May 24th. In the course of our inspection our attention was drawn to the worn condition of the floor of No. 1 Division day room. Due to the large number of patients using this room and the type of footwear which they had been provided with in the past, the floor surface has deteriorated. Temporary repairs were being carried out while we were there and we wish to support the suggestion already made for the provision of a new floor in this ward. Single rooms adjoining which we were shown have not been decorated for many years, and we recommend that they be included in the painting programme to be carried out this year.

2. We were impressed with the new canteen, an amenity which is welcomed by all who use it. The siting of the ice-cream refrigerator inside the counter could be changed so as to afford more space for those who have to serve customers.

3. We went through the wards, where many bedfast patients are cared for. We were pleased with the high standard of cleanliness and tidiness everywhere. The patients are well looked after and we spoke to many of them, but they had no complaints to make.

4. In the main dining hall we saw patients having their dinner. The meal was well cooked and enjoyed by the patients.

We wish to thank Dr. Aird, R.M.S., who was with us in the course of our visit.

EUGENE TIMMONS.

DENIS LARKIN, T.D.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

MARY MULVEY.

Order—Referred to Manager.

APPOINTMENT OF VISITING COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to the Visiting Committees for St. Brendan's and St. Ita's Hospitals for the ensuing period to the 30th June, 1960:—

ST. BRENDAN'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor Miss Mary C. Ennis.

Councillor Gilbert Hughes.

Mr. Liam Gaynor.

ST. ITA'S VISITING COMMITTEE:

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman).

Councillor Mrs. Kathleen Nix.

Councillor James P. O'Connor.

Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

MANAGER'S REPORT TO BOARD

9th June, 1960.

1. There were present in the Board's Hospitals on the 31st ultimo 3,550 patients, viz. :—

	Males	Females	Total
St. Brendan's Hospital	750	977	1,727
St. Ita's Hospital	942	881	1,823
	1,692	1,858	3,550

as compared with :

31st May, 1959	1,794	1,863	3,657
31st May, 1958	1,748	2,044	3,792
31st May, 1957	1,729	2,043	3,772
31st May, 1956	1,735	2,058	3,793

this year's number being 107 less than on the corresponding date last year and 243 less than on the corresponding date in 1956.

2. During the month of April the total of patients admitted and patients discharged were sub-divided as follows:—

Chargeable Patients :	Admitted	Discharged
Voluntary	61	84
Temporary	102	65
Persons of Unsound Mind	18	19
Admitted for Special Treatment :		
Persons of Unsound Mind	—	1
	181	169

3. The general condition of the Board's hospitals is reported by the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent

and the Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, to be satisfactory and the health of the patients normal.

4. Male patient T. B. (60/659), St. Brendan's Hospital, a liberty patient, escaped from Ward No. 3 on the 21st ultimo. He was brought back to the hospital from his home on the same day by an escort of male nurses.

Male patient D. O'K., St. Brendan's Hospital, who was in Ward No. 4, with full liberty of the grounds, was found to be missing at bedtime on the 25th ultimo. He has not since returned to hospital.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

5. Male patient K. S. (16514), St. Ita's Hospital, failed to return off pass on the 1st ultimo. He was brought back to St. Ita's on the following day by his mother.

Male patient R. G. (16379), St. Ita's Hospital, was missed from No. 2 Ward after tea on the 9th ultimo. He was brought back to hospital from his home by an escort of male nurses on the following day.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's, assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these escapes which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

6. Male patient J. P. (3748), aged 27 years, St. Brendan's Hospital, was discovered at 2.30 a.m. on the 19th ultimo to be in a collapsed condition. He was sleeping in a single room in Ward No. 2 and was comfortable and asleep when seen approximately half an hour earlier.

He was examined by a Medical Officer, who pronounced life extinct. The Coroner was informed and did not deem a post-mortem examination necessary.

7. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Female patient J. Q. (16397) fell in Ward No. 24 on the 18th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the neck of the femur.

The Chief R.M.S. assures me that he is satisfied that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with this accident which has been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

8. ACCIDENTS TO PATIENTS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Female patient J. H. (10806), aged 76 years, fell while coming out on the recreation ground of No. 11 Ward on the 5th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the right femur. She was removed to St. Brendan's Hospital for surgical treatment.

Female patient M. O'B. (15431), aged 88 years, slipped from the side of her bed to the floor on the 9th ultimo and sustained a fracture of the neck of the left femur. She was removed to St. Brendan's Hospital for surgical treatment. I regret to report that the patient died on the 22nd ultimo. The Coroner was informed of the circumstances of death.

The Medical Superintendent, St. Ita's Hospital, assures me that no blame attaches to any member of the staff in connection with these accidents, which have been duly reported to the Minister for Health.

9. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. BRENDAN'S HOSPITAL

Nurse T. D. was off duty on the 17th and 18th ultimo and from the 22nd to the 26th ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to his head sustained when a patient struck him with a chair.

Temporary attendant F. C. has been off duty since the 29th ultimo with an injury to his head sustained when playing football for the hospital team.

Two other accidents which did not cause incapacity to members of the nursing staff were also reported.

10. ACCIDENTS TO STAFF, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

Permanent electrician A. M. has been off duty since the 27th ultimo with an injury to his fingers sustained when he fell off a ladder when working in No. 4 Male Division.

Nurse M. D. was off duty from the 1st to the 14th ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to his right knee sustained while playing football with the hospital team on the 17th April.

Nurse T. D. was off duty from the 18th to the 25th ultimo, inclusive, with an injury to his foot sustained while off duty.

Farm labourer J. L. was off duty from the 9th to the 21st ultimo, inclusive, due to fractured ribs sustained when he fell from his bicycle when returning to work on the 9th ultimo.

Temporary farm labourer P. L. was off duty from the 16th to the 27th ultimo, as a result of injuries to his ribs

sustained when he was thrown from a horse cart at Turvey Farm on the 14th ultimo.

A number of other accidents which did not cause incapacity to members of the staff were reported.

11. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Ita's Hospital, on the 20th April, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 5: A sum is provided in the current annual estimate for the external repainting of all temporary buildings, including Nos. 11 female and 8 male divisions and such minor repairs as are necessary will be carried out before repainting.

Paragraph 6: Arrangements are being made to provide extra assistance in the canteen and it is expected that with this additional assistance it will be possible to have the new canteen working fully each day. It will not then be necessary to renew the shelving and the lighting in the old canteen, which will be used mainly for storage purposes.

12. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Ita's Hospital on the 12th May, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 1: The cracks in the floor at the bakery toilets have been repaired.

Paragraph 3: Provision has been made in the current year's estimate for the re-decoration of No. 7 Division.

13. In December last a notice was served by Coras Iompair Éireann as successors of the Great Northern Railway Company terminating the agreement with the Board providing for the free carriage of members of the staff of St. Ita's Hospital between the hospital and Dona-

bate Railway Station. This agreement provided also for the free carriage between these two points of the wives of employees at Portrane, members of the Board and employees of the Board at Grangegorman travelling to Portrane on official business and in addition not more than 25 nurses between the hospital and Donabate Catholic Church and back on Sundays and Church Holidays. The agreement which had been in force since September, 1948, provided for the payment by the Board of a contribution of £400 to the company in respect of this service.

Prior to 1948 agreements on similar lines had been in existence since January, 1928, when the Committee decided to discontinue a service of horse-drawn wagonettes and outside cars, which had been maintained since the opening of the hospital, for the purpose of transporting employees, members of the Committee and visitors between the hospital and Donabate Railway Station.

Coras Iompair Éireann agreed to extend the existing agreement up to the 30th instant pending agreement on revised proposals for the service. Following negotiations it has been agreed, subject to sanction, to enter into a new agreement providing for the payment of a contribution of £1,000 a year to C.I.E. in respect of the omnibus service.

The existing agreement contained a provision restricting to 3d. the single fare between the hospital and Donabate Railway Station to persons not entitled to free carriage. It is proposed to delete this provision in the revised agreement and passengers not entitled to free carriage will be required to pay the appropriate current fare.

In the estimates for the present financial year, provision was made for payment of the usual contribution of £400

to C.I.E. The consent of the Board is requested to the incurring of additional expenditure of £600 in the year 1960/61 to meet the increased contribution which has been agreed upon.

14. On the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, St. Ita's Hospital, the following tenders have been accepted :

- (a) The tender of Thomas Heiton & Co. Ltd. for the supply of 110 tons of coal (bituminous singles) at £5 17s. a ton delivered to St. Ita's Hospital. Five tenders were received in response to public advertisement.
- (b) The tender of Messrs. Molloy Bros., Harold's Cross, Dublin, for the haulage of brickeens from Lullymore to St. Ita's Hospital, at 9/9 a ton, and the haulage of crushed machine turf from the Bord na Mona works at Ballivor, Co. Meath, to St. Ita's Hospital, at 11/6 a ton. Nine tenders were received in response to public advertisement.

M. A. VEALE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

MANAGER'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO BOARD

16th June, 1960.

15. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 5th May, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 3: The ceilings of the two small dormitories in No. 18 Division will be renewed as soon as possible.

Paragraph 7: The necessary repairs to offal bins are being carried out.

16. With reference to the Inspection Report of Visiting Members to St. Brendan's Hospital on the 23rd May, 1960, I have to report:—

Paragraph 4: The replacement of rainwater pipes and gutters at No. 2 Division is at present in hands.

Paragraph 5: The re-decoration of the dayroom of Division No. 8 is included in the painting programme for this year. It is hoped to commence this work in the near future.

17. In July, 1954, an Order entitled the Mental Hospitals (Officers and Servants) Order, 1946 (Amendment) Order, 1954, was made by the Minister for Health providing for a recasting of the duties of the Chief Clerk so as to place greater emphasis on this officer's responsibility in relation to the administration of district mental hospitals. This revision of duties was accompanied by a revision of remuneration in the case of Chief Clerks employed under Provincial Mental Hospital Authorities. At the time of this revision no proposal for the revision of the Grangegorman scale was submitted to the Minister as negotiations were then taking place for a general adjustment of the salary scales of the Board's senior administrative staff. Following these negotiations, proposals were put up for sanction in March, 1955, including the proposal for payment of the Dublin Corporation Principal Officers' scale to the Chief Clerk, which, however, did not receive the sanction of the Minister.

Proposals for the further consideration of the Chief Clerk's remuneration arising out of the Order referred to above were discussed in 1956, but it was understood

that in view of the economy measures being taken at that time, it was unlikely that the proposal would be approved. When the post of Chief Clerk became vacant two years ago it was indicated to the Department of Health that, while accepting the existing salary scale for the new appointment, which required to be urgently made, a revision of the scale might be necessary at a later date. I am of opinion that the revision of the scale should now be made and I, therefore, propose, subject to the consent of the Board and the sanction of the Minister, to fix a revised scale of £1,600 x £37 10s. to £1,750, with effect as from the 1st January, 1960. The increase provided for under this scale is in line with the revisions made in the salary scales for Chief Clerks in mental hospitals throughout the country arising out of the 1954 Order.

The acceptance of this proposal will bring forward for reconsideration the remuneration attached to the post of Accountant for which appropriate proposals will be made in due course.

M. A. VEALE,

Dublin Assistant City Manager.

Orders made thereon:—

Paragraph 13: Mr. T. O'Reilly proposed and Councillor Denis Larkin, T.D., seconded: "That the Board authorises the expenditure of £600 in excess of the amount provided in the Estimate for the current financial year, to meet the increased contribution." *Passed unanimously.*

Paragraph 17: Councillor Denis Larkin, T.D., and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly seconded: "That the Board consents to the submission of this proposal for the sanction of the Minister for Health." *Passed unanimously.*

Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) referred to the Health Authorities Act, 1960, which provided for the setting up of a new authority to administer the health services in Dublin city and county, and which was expected to come into force on the 1st July, 1960. Under the provisions of the Act, the Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board would be dissolved from that date and the functions of the Mental Hospital Authority would be vested in the new Dublin Health Authority. This, therefore, would be the last meeting of the Board and he felt it was an appropriate time to review the developments which had taken place since the foundation of the hospital in 1814. The Chairman went on to outline the history of the hospital, and in conclusion proposed a vote of thanks to the Manager, the Chief Resident Medical Superintendent and the officers of the Board for their co-operation and service.

Councillors Mrs. C. Byrne, Mrs. M. Ledwidge and Messrs. T. O'Reilly and L. Gaynor spoke to the vote of thanks which was seconded by Councillor Denis Larkin, T.D., and passed unanimously.

Dr. John Dunne, Chief R.M.S., replied on behalf of the officers of the Board.

F. J. McCULLOUGH,
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

*Report No. 384**22nd June, 1960.***Grangegorman Mental Hospital
Board**

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Agricultural Committee was held in the Boardroom, St. Brendan's Hospital, Upper Grangegorman, Dublin, the 22nd day of June, 1960, Councillor E. Timmons (Chairman) in the Chair. Also present: Councillors R. Burgess, W. J. Colman, Miss M. C. Ennis, Mrs. M. Ledwidge, Messrs. Anthony Lalor, Thomas O'Reilly and John Smithers.

REPORT OF AGRICULTURAL MANAGER*22nd June, 1960.***1. MILK PRODUCTION**

Since the last report of the 26th ultimo, milk production was well maintained. Full supplies of milk were available for both hospitals and there was an average daily surplus of 115 gallons, which was sold to Messrs. Merville Dairy Ltd., Finglas. During the month of May, 3,960 gallons of surplus milk were sold for £337 0s. 8d. It is

hoped that full supplies of milk will be available for the hospitals for some time, although the surplus is down to 80 gallons per day at present. The culling of uneconomic cows from the herd is continuing: two freshly calved milch cows were sold for £135, while old cows, which are not very saleable, are being slaughtered at the rate of two per week.

The present daily production from 265 milking cows is 704 gallons, or 2.66 gallons per cow. The following table gives an analysis of the present daily yields as compared with the position at the end of last month:—

	Current Month	Last Month
Over 7 gallons —	Nil	2
6 to 7 gallons —	3	4
5 to 6 gallons —	15	11
4 to 5 gallons —	26	40
3 to 4 gallons —	62	74
2 to 3 gallons —	88	68
1 to 2 gallons —	47	38
Under 1 gallon —	24	14
	265	251

2. PURCHASES AND SALES OF LIVESTOCK

The following transactions took place during the month of May: Two pedigree store sows were purchased for £109 4s. Thirteen calves were sold at the following prices: 2 at £16, 2 at £14, 2 at £12, 2 at £11, 2 at £10, and 3 at £9 each; total £153. Twenty bonhams were sold at £5 2s. 6d. each; total £102 10s. Four fat sows were sold

for £132 11s. 6d. nett. Thirty-six store pigs were transferred to the piggeries at St. Brendan's Hospital and were priced as follows: 18 at £9 and 18 at £8 5s.; total £310 10s.

3. MASTITIS

The position with regard to mastitis in the herd is satisfactory. A few cows developed mastitis during the month but they responded to treatment.

4. T.B. TEST

The reactor cow, which failed to pass the two-monthly T.B. test in March, calved down recently and is being purchased by the Department of Agriculture for £60 and will soon be removed from the farm.

A six-monthly T.B. test of the entire herd will be carried out as soon as this animal has been disposed of.

5. GRASS, HAY AND SILAGE

Good supplies of grass are available on all farms. Silage-making commenced on the 27th ultimo and to date approximately 90 acres of grass have been ensiled in the pits at Portrane and Turvey. As the grass is now getting rather strong and stemmy for silage it may be necessary to seal off the pits soon.

Approximately 22 acres of grass have been mown and saved for hay. It will be necessary to purchase the bulk of our hay requirements again this year.

Pastures are receiving a dressing of nitrolime as they are being grazed or mown.

6. CROPS

The potato crop is making satisfactory growth and at present the crop is being moulded and sprayed. It is expected that the digging of new potatoes will commence about the 1st July.

JAMES HAYES,

Agricultural Manager.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF HEAD GARDENER.

ST. ITA'S.

22nd June, 1960.

1. Vegetable Fields: All crops are doing well and there is a good supply of spring cabbage and autumn onions. I have just completed the weeding of spring onions. The crop appears quite promising. The weeding and thinning of turnips and parsnips is in progress at the moment. One acre of early carrots has been sprayed with T.V.O.; 6 acres of ground is being prepared at the moment for cabbage and brussels sprouts.

2. Kitchen Gardens and Grounds: All fruit and vegetables in this section are doing well. Apple and pear trees have received a further application of fungicide and insecticide spray and the young fruit appears to be clean and free from pests.

All flower beds on hospital grounds have been planted with summer flowering plants.

ST. BRENDAN'S

3. Two acres of ground have been tilled and sown with brussels sprouts, leeks, turnips, lettuce and peas. Flower beds have been planted with flowering annuals. Recreation grounds and shrubberies are kept in good condition.

A. WOLOHAN,

Head Gardener.

Order—Noted.

REPORT OF INSPECTION, FARMS AND
GARDENS, ST. ITA'S HOSPITAL

31st May, 1960.

1. On 31st May we inspected the farm and garden at St. Ita's Hospital. Mr. Hayes met us and we decided to concentrate on tillage and grass. This promises to be an excellent year. There is ample grass at Turvey, all fields having received a dressing of nitro chalk. The potatoes are well forward and the cleanliness and order in all fields was remarked on. There is great promise of a bumper harvest. We saw 17 acres of potatoes and 22 acres of silage at Portrane Farm. Portrane Lodge meadow is showing the good effect of the drainage carried out. When the drainage and reclamation job is finished this field will be a great asset to the farm. It is interesting to note that in all reclamation work no grant is claimed yet each field done shows a handsome profit.

2. There are 330 pigs in the farmyard now. Farrowing fever is still present to a slight degree. There were only three litters born in May.

3. The work in the gardens was well advanced. Some of the lettuce and pea crop failed, but on the whole the same ample supply of vegetables and flowers will be available to the hospitals this year. We wish to offer Mr. Hayes and Mr. Wolohan and all their staffs continued success in the future.

E. TIMMONS.

MARY LEDWIDGE.

GILBERT HUGHES.

ANTHONY LALOR.

Order—Noted.

F. J. McCULLOUGH.
Chief Clerk.

E. TIMMONS,
Chairman.

JOHN DUNNE,
Chief R.M.S.

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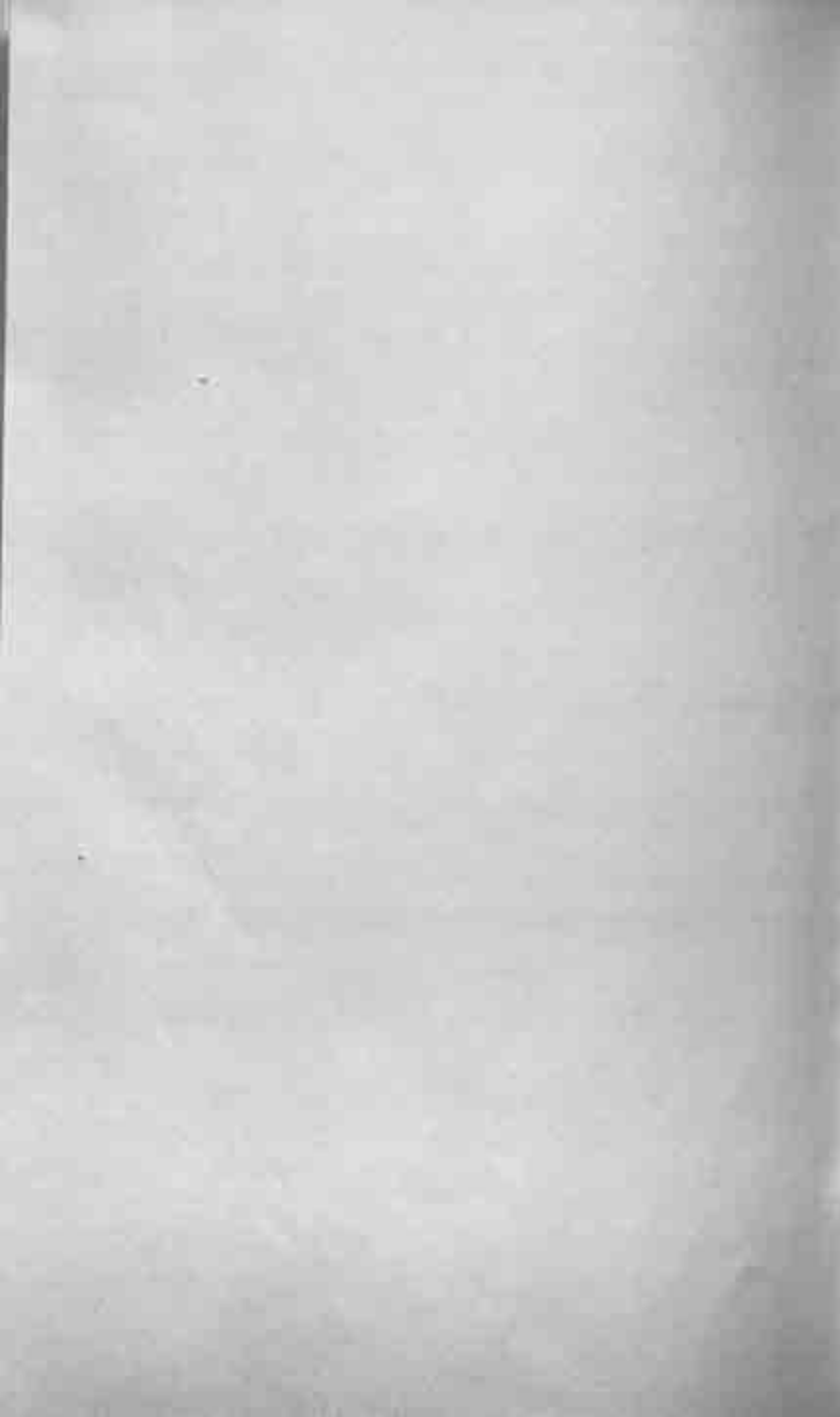
Orange County School District Board

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

1900

	Debit	Credit
1. Salaries		
2. Expenses		
3. Interest & Taxes		
4. Fuel & Light		
5. Office Supplies		
6. Postage		
7. Telephone		
8. Insurance		
9. Miscellaneous		

By Board
Approved



Grangegorman Mental Hospital Board

ACCOUNTS FOR 1959/60

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K. KEANE,

Accountant.

TABLE 1—RECEIPTS

Actual Receipts 1956/57	Actual Receipts 1957/58	Actual Receipts 1958/59		Estimated Receipts 1959/60	Actual Receipts 1959/60	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£	Receipts for Paying Patients:	£	£	£	£
34,439	35,315	35,439	(a) City of Dublin Account —	35,000	32,925	—	2,075
7,786	7,494	9,082	(b) County Dublin Account —	8,000	10,010	2,010	—
5,358	5,155	4,024	(c) County Wicklow Account —	3,400	4,469	1,069	—
47,583	47,964	48,545	Total for Paying Patients from Contributing Area:	46,400	47,404	1,004	—
3,858	1,921	3,682	(d) Criminal Lunatic Service Patients — —	3,200	3,383	183	—
4,293	4,808	5,546	(e) Criminal Lunatics — —	5,000	6,368	1,368	—
4,416	7,223	5,242	(f) Non-District Patients —	4,500	6,368	1,868	—
60,150	63,916	63,015	Total for Paying Patients — —	59,100	63,523	4,423	—
9,971	14,346	10,951	Farm Account Sales — —	10,000	13,672	3,672	—
620	492	549	Sale of Offal and Old Stores — —	300	632	332	—
650	855	1,014	Interest allowed by Treasurer — —	—	515	515	—
251	396	383	Miscellaneous Receipts — —	200	575	375	—
11,862	11,958	12,148	Superannuation Deductions — —	12,500	12,231	—	269
31,471	32,132	31,777	Deductions from Salaries and Wages — —	31,500	29,989	—	1,511
—	—	—	Legacy — — — —	—	3,000	3,000	—
£114,975	£124,095	£119,837	Total — — — —	£113,600	£124,137	£10,537	—

TABLE 2—EXPENDITURE

Actual Expenditure 1956/57	Actual Expenditure 1957/58	Actual Expenditure 1958/59		Estimated Expenditure 1959/60	Actual Expenditure 1959/60	Comparison	
						Increase	Decrease
£	£	£		£	£	£	£
94,801	107,530	122,393	Food, Drink and Tobacco — — —	110,500	118,897	8,397	—
58,391	64,062	64,136	Farm Expenses — — —	64,755	65,904	1,149	—
3,425	3,466	3,830	Materials for Washing and Cleansing	3,300	3,236	—	64
17,029	19,026	21,390	Medicines — — —	20,800	27,501	6,701	—
72,102	66,541	61,700	Heating, Lighting and Water Supplies	60,500	57,828	—	2,672
27,951	28,176	27,804	Clothing and Bedding — — —	30,100	27,030	—	3,070
7,264	9,616	9,982	Furniture, Crockery and Hardware	7,450	9,497	2,047	—
2,840	2,592	4,764	Medical and Surgical Appliances — —	2,800	2,803	3	—
405,818	411,865	431,827	Salaries and Wages — — —	426,650	421,931	—	4,919
48,106	48,394	52,056	Superannuations, etc. — — —	52,000	57,268	5,268	—
61,717	65,069	80,891	Structural Alterations, Repairs, etc.	75,960	77,398	1,438	—
3,389	3,968	3,571	Stationery, Printing and Advertising	4,000	3,911	—	89
6,992	7,070	6,634	Rents, Rates, Taxes and Insurance	5,500	7,571	2,071	—
194	238	86	Re-afforestation of St. Ita's — — —	250	92	—	158
12,874	12,749	16,681	Miscellaneous Expenses — — —	13,870	15,485	1,615	—
255	510	593	Maintenance in other Mental Hospitals	400	565	165	—
238	326	298	Conveyance of Persons to Hospital	200	487	287	—
3,339	3,360	3,877	Fees to Authorised Medical Officers	3,750	4,362	612	—
34,127	39,123	42,305	Loan Charges — — —	45,000	40,437	—	4,563
—	—	8,658	Ballyowen — — —	10,000	10,017	17	—
£860,852	£893,681	£963,476	Total — — —	£937,985	£952,220	£14,235	

Additional Expenditure amounting to £41,421 was specially authorised by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 2 of the City and County Management (Amendment) Act, 1955, during the year 1959/60.

ST. BRENDAN'S FARM AND GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1960

Dr.				Cr.			
1959-April 1.				1960-March 31.			
To Value of Stock on hand—		£	s. d.	By Cash Sales		£	s. d.
Livestock	2,641	0	0	- Value of Produce Supplied—			50 0 0
Farm Produce	60	0	0	Root Crops	572	15	6
Implements	60	0	0	Other Vegetables	408	5	0
Horse and Float (Crock-				Bacon	8,428	3	1
ing)	100	0	0	Fruit	—	—	—
			2,861 0 0	Flowers and Plants	50	0	0
1960-March 31.						9,459	3 7
To Cash Expenditure for Year—				- Value of Horses not employed			
Paid Labour	1,531	3	4	on Farm Work	—	520	0 0
Manures	—	—	—	- Value of Stock on hand—			
Implements	285	8	3	Livestock	2,327	0	0
Seeds and Plants	295	5	3	Farm Produce	60	0	0
Pigs	—	—	—	Implements	60	0	0
Fodder and Feeding Stuffs	1,581	14	9			2,447	0 0
Maintenance and Repairs	17	7	5				
Fuel, Light and Water	260	0	0				
Miscellaneous	69	4	7				
			4,040 3 7				
- Pigs received from St. Ita's			4,049 0 0				
- Other Charges—							
Estimated Rental	170	0	0				
Offal Supplied	150	0	0				
			320 0 0				
- "Profit" for year, excluding any							
charge for Patient Labour			1,206 0 0				
			£12,476 3 7				£12,476 3 7

ST. ITAS FARM ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1960

De.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1959-April 1.						
To Value of Stock on Hand—						
Livestock —	33,945	10	0			
Farm Produce —	5,410	1	1			
Implements —	7,647	11	6			
				47,003	2	7
1960-March 31.						
To Cash Expenditure for Year—						
Paid Labour —	23,203	10	0			
Manures —	3,304	9	7			
Implements —	3,179	14	1			
Seeds and Plants —	2,985	18	6			
Livestock —	4,269	14	0			
Fodder and Feeding Stuff	12,323	8	4			
Freight and Market						
Expenses —	26	14	11			
Veterinary Attendance —	750	7	6			
Fuel, Oil, Electricity						
(R.S.B.) —	2,215	13	11			
Maintenance and Repairs	2,879	18	3			
Fuel, Light and Water	517	18	10			
Rates —	620	8	7			
				56,277	16	6
Other Charges—						
Estimated Rental —	1,720	0	0			
Offal Supplied —	150	0	0			
				1,870	0	0
“Profit” for year, excluding						
any charge for Patient						
Labour —				1,789	11	7
				£106,940	10	8

Cr.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1960—March 31.						
By Cash Sales—						
Hides, Skins and Woolls	540	9	7			
Calves	3,412	1	2			
Pigs	3,647	18	8			
Wheat	4,696	16	5			
Miscellaneous		6	15			
Cows and Horses	214	10	0			
Milk	1,103	8	11			
				13,621	19	9
Pigs to St. Brendan's				4,049	0	0
Produce Supplied—						
Potatoes	7,316	10	8			
Milk	24,958	3	9			
Butchers' Meat, Bacon, etc.	6,003	8	5			
				38,278	2	10
Value of Horse Hire and Labour supplied for institution purposes solely						390 0 0
Value of Stock on hand—						
Livestock	36,121	10	0			
Farm Produce	5,560	15	1			
Implements	8,919	3	0			
				50,601	8	1
“Loss” for year, excluding any charge for Patient Labour						
				£106,940	10	8

ST. ITA'S GARDEN ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1960

Dr.		£ s d.		£ s d.	
1959-April 1.					
To Value of Stock on hand—					
Produce and Crops	—	1,147	1	0	
Implements	—	1,773	12	1	
				2,920 13 1	
1960-March 31.					
To Cash Expenditure during					
Year—					
Paid Labour	—	3,568	1	11	
Manures	—	230	8	6	
Implements	—	257	10	0	
Seeds and Plants	—	287	6	9	
Miscellaneous	—	686	8	0	
Maintenance	—	367	0	5	
Fuel, Light and Water	—	189	7	9	
				5,586 3 4	
.. Estimated Rental				585 0 0	
.. "Profit" for year, excluding any					
charge for Patient Labour				1,233 7 10	
				<u>£10,325 4 3</u>	

Cr.		£ s d.		£ s d.	
1960-March 31.					
By Cash Sales					
.. Value of Produce Supplied—					
Root Crops	—	1,111	16	6	
Other Vegetables	—	5,751	14	4	
Fruit	—	255	5	10	
Flowers and Plants	—	50	0	0	
				7,168 16 8	
By Value of Stock on hand—					
Produce and Crops	—	1,598	17	0	
Implements	—	1,557	10	7	
				3,156 7 7	
.. "Loss" for year, excluding any					
charge for Patient Labour				— — —	
				<u>£10,325 4 3</u>	

TABLE SHOWING DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS RESIDENT AND AVERAGE DAILY COST FOR EACH PATIENT

Year Ended	Daily Average Number of Patients Resident	Average Daily Cost for each Patient		
		St. Brendan's	St. Ita's	Total
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
31st March, 1948	3,302	8 7.27	7 10.01	8 3.20
31st March, 1949	3,366	8 8.87	8 7.48	8 8.25
31st March, 1950	3,441	8 3.40	7 7.39	7 11.92
31st March, 1951	3,524	8 10.98	8 1.71	8 6.94
31st March, 1952	3,533	9 10.73	9 2.53	9 7.09
31st March, 1953	3,620	10 1.49	9 5.42	9 9.98
31st March, 1954	3,730	10 4.03	9 8.80	10 0.86
31st March, 1955	3,768	10 9.04	9 8.10	10 3.37
31st March, 1956	3,792	12 3.64	10 11.29	11 8.45
31st March, 1957	3,804	13 4.55	10 11.93	12 2.93
31st March, 1958	3,767	14 1.57	11 4.34	12 9.67
31st March, 1959	3,823	15 4.00	11 8.13	13 6.95
31st March, 1960	3,657	15 11.72	11 8.93	13 10.16

These costs are calculated in accordance with Articles 93 and 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1946.

**SUMMARY OF ST. BRENDAN'S AND ST. ITA'S CANTEEN ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR 1959/60
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1959/60**

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Value of Stock at commencement of year	1,393	6	5	By Cash Sales	32,697	10	7
Purchases	28,483	4	10	" Tobacco Bourses	91	17	6
Wages, Canteen Attendants	392	0	7	" Interest on Deposit Accounts	51	19	2
Other Working Expenses	203	7	5	" Value of Stock on hands	2,083	4	10
Bonus to Canteen Managers	184	5	5				
Audit Fee	21	0	0				
Balance (Profit on Trading) to Balance Sheet	4,247	7	5				
	£34,924	12	1		£34,924	12	1

BALANCE SHEET AT 31st MARCH, 1960

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
To Sundry Appropriations, viz.:-				By Balance from 1958/59 Account	6,275	8	9
Gratuities to Patients	3,239	7	7	" Balance from Profit and Loss Account brought down	4,247	7	5
Games for Patients, Prizes for Tournaments, Sports and Travelling Expenses for Sports Parties	538	9	11				
Extras for Patients, Concert Parties, etc.	863	16	0				
Equipment (T.V.s)	609	17	3				
Balance to next account	5,271	5	5				
	£10,522	16	2		£10,522	16	2



